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Air France KLM Martinair Cargo welcomes Koppert Biological Systems to its Sustainable Aviation Fuel programme

21 April 2021 – Koppert Biological Systems and Air France KLM Martinair Cargo (AFKLMP Cargo) entered into a partnership today within the framework of the airline's sustainable aviation fuel programme. Under the partnership, AFKLMP Cargo will use sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) on selected international cargo flights carrying Koppert's agricultural and horticultural products for biological pest control.

SAF is a jet fuel made from renewable sources such as cooking oil and a sustainable alternative to fossil fuel that reduces carbon emissions by a minimum of 75%. It is blended with conventional fossil fuel and can be used by all aircraft engines.

Koppert is a pioneering Dutch company that prioritises sustainability and is committed to improving the health of people and the planet. Its mission and vision fit in seamlessly with Air France KLM Martinair Cargo's leading role in making the air cargo industry more sustainable. Koppert and AFKLMP Cargo have been working together for almost 20 years. Koppert will be the first AFKLMP Cargo freight shipper to join the SAF programme.

The international biocontrol company is participating in AFKLMP Cargo's SAF programme in an effort to reduce its transport-related carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Koppert's live cargo of beneficial insects, fungi and other microbiological substances must be handled with special care so that they arrive at their international destinations in good health and can be used to control pests and diseases in food, floriculture and other crops around the world. Koppert's biocontrol products offer a sustainable alternative to chemicals in horticulture and agriculture.

"We have signed an agreement under which we will purchase a full year of sustainable aviation fuel, thereby reducing our carbon dioxide to a level comparable to emissions from our shipments flown by AFKLMP to our main market, the North American continent," says Martijn van de Waarsenburg, Corporate Manager Supply Chain at Koppert. "The SAF programme works in the same way as green energy; SAF is not actually used on the specific flights carrying our shipments, but we are participating actively in AFKLMP's total fuel pool.

By taking part in AFKLMP's SAF programme, Koppert is acknowledging its responsibility to make transport more sustainable. We hope to set an example for other airfreight agents and shipping companies. SAF is currently the most effective way to reduce the aviation industry's carbon footprint. Together, we can really make a difference."

GertJan Roelands, SVP Sales & Distribution for Air France KLM Martinair Cargo, says: *"We are proud to partner with Koppert Biological Systems, a leading Dutch company that attaches great importance to sustainability. The SAF programme enables different stakeholders in the logistical airfreight industry to power a percentage of their flights with SAF. Customers determine their own level of engagement and we ensure that their entire investment is used for sourcing SAF. By participating in our programme, our customers not only reduce their carbon footprint, but confirm their commitment to leading the industry towards a more sustainable future. Only with the support of all stakeholders can we successfully develop a more viable market for SAF."*

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About Koppert Biological Systems

Koppert Biological Systems produce sustainable cultivation solutions for food crops and ornamental plants. Together with growers and in partnership with nature, we work to make agriculture and horticulture healthier, safer, more productive and resilient. We achieve this by using natural enemies to combat pest infestations, bumblebees for natural pollination, and biostimulants that support and fortify crops both above and below the ground. Restoring and protecting vital ecosystems in a natural way is the basis for healthy crops and a well-balanced environment.

Add our quality know-how and consultancy services to this and you will understand why an increasing number of growers regard us as a partner with whom they can achieve their ambitions.

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About Air France KLM Martinair Cargo

The Air France-KLM Group is a global airline group with a strong European base. Its main areas of business are passenger transport, cargo transport and aeronautical maintenance.

Air France KLM Martinair Cargo is the Air France-KLM Group's dedicated air cargo business. Air France KLM Martinair Cargo is a member of SkyTeam Cargo (www.skyteamcargo.com) offering even larger network coverage.

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