

## NEWS RELEASE

Please find here a news release issued today by Worldwide Flight Services (WFS)

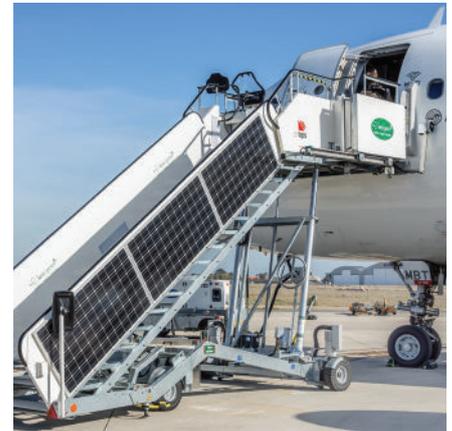
Media contact: Jamie Roche, JRPR

Date: 19 January 2023

T: + 44 (0) 1753 900902

E: [jamie@jamierochepr.co.uk](mailto:jamie@jamierochepr.co.uk)

# WFS FAST TRACKS SUSTAINABILITY ACROSS CARGO AND GROUND HANDLING OPERATIONS AT 7 AIRPORTS IN SPAIN



**Worldwide Flight Services' (WFS) cargo and ground handling operations in Spain are helping to spearhead the group's 'Our Sustainable Flight Path' programme with a series of initiatives and investments to significantly reduce emissions at its 7 airport stations across the country.**

WFS' GSE fleet in Spain is now 89% electric for all its cargo handling operations as well as 30% of the company's ramp handling equipment. This includes electric towing tractors, passenger stairs and belt loaders, aircraft pushback tugs, and other heavy-duty vehicles. WFS Spain's 'Going Green Team' are also continuing to test new green GSE and collaborating with start-up companies to evaluate the introduction of new types of electrically powered equipment, equipment engine conversions to

hydrogen, and other electric devices, such as small cars and last mile vehicles. Trials of solar-powered aircraft steps and electric ground power units have also been conducted.

Since fossil fuel powered vehicles cannot be eliminated in the short-term, WFS is partnering with Spanish firm O3-Protégelo to use its patented technology to reduce fuel consumption and emissions whilst longer term solutions are evaluated.

The company's airport stations in Barcelona, Madrid, Asturias, Santiago de Compostela, Sevilla, Valencia, and Vitoria are also the latest operations across WFS' global network to be powered by 100% renewable energy, supported by energy solutions designed into new-build facilities as well as the installation of solar panels on the roofs of WFS' existing handling centres. WFS has also signed a contract with green energy supplier, Plenitude, which has achieved 100% renewable energy status for all cargo stations in Spain,

while its ground handling operations have also reached 100%.

Optimising the sustainable performance of equipment and vehicles is another key focus area for WFS Spain. To ensure they are used as efficiently as possible, new @XOPS telematic geolocation systems have been installed to track and monitor usage. WFS is also participating in a specific initiative to pool some handling vehicles at Spanish airports between different ramp operators to eliminate equipment redundancy in 2023.

In a further initiative, WFS vehicle drivers at Madrid and Sevilla airports have completed an eco-driver training course provided by specialists from the Royal Automobile Club of Catalonia (RACC) focused on lowering fuel consumption and carbon emissions in their daily drives around the airport apron areas. Performance measurement since the training has already demonstrated fuel savings of 18%.

WFS is also investing in the implementation of LED lighting at its stations in Spain and this switch has already been completed in its warehouse facilities in Madrid, Barcelona, and Valencia. Other initiatives include the use of recycled plastics to cover ULDs – which now represent over 70% of WFS' total plastics usage in Madrid and Barcelona. New compacting machinery has been installed in Madrid to increase plastic waste segregation and recycling, and new service providers have been appointed to collect and recycle waste.

“When it comes to sustainability, actions speak louder than words. WFS has set out a very clear sustainability strategy for its global operations and, in Spain, we are already at an advanced stage of delivering many of these targets through our strong green focus, our ability to invest in the best solutions, and the support of our teams across all our Spanish operations, who understand why this is so important and what they can do to contribute. We are continuing to move forward in all our



focus areas and learning from the sustainability experiences of other WFS stations around the world. Our goal is to not only achieve our decarbonisation targets at our existing operations in Spain, but to have the opportunity to leverage the value of our sustainability programme at more airports across the country,” said Humberto Castro, Managing Director of WFS Spain.

-ends-

### ABOUT WFS

Founded in 1984, WFS is the world's largest air cargo logistics provider and one of the leading providers of ground handling and technical services with annual revenues of €1.8 billion. Its more than 30,000 employees serve over 300 customers at 164 major airports in 18 countries on five continents. For more information, please visit [www.wfs.aero](http://www.wfs.aero)