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## press release

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### **EBAA Creates New “Airports, Handling and Ground Operations Committee” (AHGOC)**

**Brussels, Belgium – 27 November 2009** – During an important meeting held in Paris the EBAA formed a new “Airports, Handling and Ground Operations Committee” (AHGOC). Its mission is to:

- support the sustainable growth of the Business Aviation industry and the interests of Association members by promoting fair, equitable and secure access to Airports;
- assure safety and standards of best practices at Airports and in Handling Companies;
- promote environmentally friendly operations to the benefit of local communities; and
- fight for fair competition to the benefit of all stakeholders to meet the needs of aircraft operators, their passengers and crews.

“In recent months, several EBAA Members have expressed a desire to resurrect a committee focused on the activities and needs of airports, handling and operational support,” explained Brian Humphries, President and CEO, EBAA. “Likewise, our Board agreed that there was an urgent need to increase activity in this area, so we formed a Steering Group made up of professionals and specialists in this sector to launch this important initiative.”

Michel de Ronne of Aéroport de Paris serves as the first Chairman of the Committee. Furthermore the AHGOC will have a voice on the EBAA Board through the Chairman of the AMAC, Guy Broddin. The Committee will comprise EBAA Member Companies who express an interest in its work and are willing to commit effort to ensuring delivery of its objectives.

Within the AHGOC there will be two Working Groups: One for Airports and one for Handling. While these Groups will focus on specific objectives related to their unique interests, they will also work together on common issues.

The AHGOC is also planning to organise events to facilitate the exchange of best practices between airports, handling services and international service providers, and raise the profile of Business Aviation. The first such event will be a dedicated session that will be held at EBACE 2010, with the intention of growing this into an independent event in future years.

**For more information please contact the EBAA Secretariat at [info@ebaa.org](mailto:info@ebaa.org).**

**About EBAA:**

***The European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) was founded in 1977 to defend the interests of business aviation. Today, more than 500 business aviation companies (direct members or members of associate organisations) rely on the EBAA to protect their business interests. It is the only voice to represent business aviation among the European institutions. For more information, visit [www.ebaa.org](http://www.ebaa.org).***