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Airport Solutions Finland -clustering activity starting at Helsinki-Vantaa

Airport Solutions Finland –clustering and development platform activity is starting its operations in Helsinki-Vantaa. All the companies and other actors in the field of airport business, airport technologies and solutions and related R&D are invited to join the community. Airport Solutions Finland activities are to include clustering, networking, information collection and seminars, development projects and establishing an *Airportcluster Showroom* to be located in the close vicinity of the Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport.

The goal is to enhance and support the growth and internationalization of the Finnish airportcluster, that is the companies providing technologies or service solutions as well as R&D knowhow to airports as the end customers. Airport Solutions Finland also aims at creating new turnkey solutions for airports by combining the product and service provision of the member companies based on customer needs. The aim is especially to enforce the growth and development possibilities of the SME sized companies in this business area. Airport Solutions Finland cluster activities is also expected to strengthen the development of the airport city Aviapolis, which is the dynamic business environment around Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport.

Airport Solutions Finland -activity was decided to be started on a cluster meeting held on 27th November 2009. In the starting phase the following companies have signed to be Airport Solutions Finland members:

Arctic Machine Oy	http://www.arcticmachine.com
Efla Oy	http://www.efla.net/
Exel Composites Oyj	http://www.exelcomposites.com/
Finavia	http://www.finavia.fi/
Hagie Europe Oy	http://www.vammas.com
Idman Airfield Lighting Oy	http://www.idman.fi/
Kemira Oyj	http://www.kemira.com
KONE Oyj	http://www.kone.com
Rapiscan Systems Oy	http://www.rapiscansystems.com/
Rostek Oy	http://www.rostek.fi/
Teleste Oyj	http://www.teleste.com
Vaisala Oyj	http://www.vaisala.fi/
Execution Vantaan Innovaatioinstituutti Oy	www.vantaainnovation.fi
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Testimonials:

"At Idman Airfield Lighting Oy, we are pleased to see Airport Solutions Finland -clustering activity starting successfully with such a big amount of member companies. We believe that this type of clustering and networking activity will enhance the international visibility of the Finnish companies in this field and promotes also the Finnish knowhow more in general."

CEO Kari Virtanen, Idman Airfield Lighting Oy

"The CEO of Rostek Oy Mr. Markus Roschier welcomes already in advance the new business opportunities emerging with Airport Solutions Finland –clustering activity. Rostek is having a good market share in systems for façade maintenance in airport terminals and air traffic control towers. As a SME –company there is problems in finding new customers and projects. This is something where Airport Solutions Finland -clustering activities hopefully helps in the future."

CEO Markus Roschier, Rostek Oy

"We believe in Kemira Oyj that being a member in Airport Solutions Finland –clustering activity will provide us broader perspective to airport related business area. Furthermore, Airport Solutions Finland –operations hopefully enhance the growth opportunities for the whole airportcluster in the future."

Sales Manager Timo Nissinen, Kemira Oyj

"We expect that Airport Solutions Finland –clustering activities will create possibilities for business development for the member companies and provide opportunities for export trade and business growth."

Toimitusjohtaja Juha Jääskelä, Arctic Machine Oy