



Press Information

SERVAIR gears up to acquire equity participation in SOFITRANS

With over 20 years of experience operating in Africa, Servair is partnering up with Sofitrans to strengthen its presence in the Indian Ocean.

Paris, 31 January 2010 – Following an invitation to tender, Servair, the French leader and third ranking global player in air transport catering and logistics, and SOFITRANS, a Madagascan company offering airport restaurant and air catering services, have signed a letter of intent paving the way for Servair to acquire equity participation in Sofitrans.

The two companies thus confirm their desire to partner and pool their experiences in the following areas:

- providing airline catering services,
- operating bars and restaurants and managing Duty Free Shops,
- providing airport services (handling and cleaning),
- and more generally, providing catering services for public bodies, administrations and local businesses.

Servair and Sofitrans have agreed to materialize this understanding through a contract to transfer shares gradually over the next six months. This acquisition is in line with Servair's international development strategy, which calls for a rapprochement between stakeholders and local partners.

"By entering into this new partnership with Sofitrans, Servair is joining forces with a local player with a solid presence in the Indian Ocean and East Africa. This announcement is a clear manifestation of Servair's development strategy in Africa and the continuity of services offered to local airlines; we have indeed announced a few days ago the signing of a catering contract with Air Madagascar for departures from Roissy CDG," said Patrick Alexandre, Chairman and CEO of Servair.

SERVAIR is the leading French airline catering and cleaning company. In 3rd position worldwide with more than 60 sites, with its partners and subsidiaries, SERVAIR offers airlines a range of services that are vital to the air transport sector and for the comfort of passengers. Its requirements, in terms of quality and know-how, have led to SERVAIR becoming a true driving force for its 120 customer companies, helping them to improve their commercial offers to passengers, while scrupulously adhering to the constraints of air transport.

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