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CIRCLE Group signs a framework agreement worth up to €600,000 for the Progressive Digital Development of a European Airport Cargo Ecosystem

The 24-month agreement provides for the gradual implementation of specific contracts for the development of digital modules designed to support the operational efficiency of the airport cargo community

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CIRCLE Group (“CIRCLE” or the “Company”) – an Innovative SME listed on the **Euronext Growth Milan** market, heading the eponymous Group specialised in process analysis and the development of solutions for the innovation and digitalisation of the port and intermodal logistics sectors, as well as in international consulting on Green Deal and energy transition matters – announces the signing, through its subsidiary Cargo Start, of a framework agreement with a maximum total value of **€600,000** with a **leading European airport operator** for professional services supporting the development, evolution, and consolidation of digital solutions dedicated to an airport cargo ecosystem.

The framework agreement will have a duration of **24 months** and will allow for the gradual implementation of specific service contracts, based on operational needs that arise during that period, with the goal of strengthening the digital infrastructure supporting the cargo community and promoting increasingly integrated, efficient, and interoperable management of processes related to air cargo transport.

The structure of the agreement confirms the strength of CIRCLE Group’s position in the air cargo segment and highlights the vertical expertise the Group has developed in creating digital platforms and modules for complex logistics communities, capable of connecting airlines, airport handlers, freight forwarders, logistics operators, and institutional stakeholders.

As part of the agreement, the first project activities have already begun regarding the development and release of modules to enhance the digital cargo ecosystem. These are part of the development process already underway and involve four functional modules designed to support the processes of the airport cargo community, two of which are already being developed in collaboration with the client. Additional developments may be added to these projects in the coming months, to be implemented through specific implementation contracts under the framework agreement. These initiatives will primarily draw on the specialized expertise of **Cargo Start**, a CIRCLE Group company that develops digital solutions for air cargo, and will aim to support the digitization of operational



workflows, integration among the various players in the supply chain, and the development of collaborative models based on interoperability, data quality, and process automation.

*"This framework agreement represents a particularly significant achievement because it consolidates collaborative relationships that have developed over time and are based on the quality of the expertise provided by our Group," said **Luca Abatello, President and CEO of CIRCLE Group.** "The decision to establish a multi-year agreement confirms confidence in our ability to support the digital evolution of complex cargo ecosystems, where it is essential to understand the needs of all players in the supply chain and translate them into concrete, scalable solutions focused on operational efficiency. Air cargo is a strategic area for CIRCLE Group, and this new agreement further strengthens our position in a sector undergoing significant transformation."*

This initiative is part of CIRCLE Group's growth trajectory and its strategy to strengthen its digital offerings for logistics hubs, airport cargo communities, and intermodal supply chains, in line with the guidelines of the "Connect 4 Agile Growth" business plan.

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Founded in Genoa in 2012, Circle S.p.A. is the Innovative SME heading Circle Group, listed on Euronext Growth Milan since 2018 and specialised in process analysis and the development of solutions for the innovation and digitalisation of the port and intermodal logistics sectors, as well as in international consulting on Green Deal and energy transition matters.

The Group includes the software houses **Info.era**, **NEXT Freight**, **eXyond**, **Cargo Start**, **QMap**, the consulting firms **Magellan Circle** and **Magellan Circle Italy**, **NEXT Customs**, and the associate company **ACCUDIRE**.

In the field of digital innovation, the **Milos® Intelligence** platform integrates advanced AI, simulation and Digital Twin technologies to support decision-making processes and systems digitalisation, with solutions such as the **Extended Port Community System**, **MasterSPED®**, **Milos® TOS**, **Milos® MTO**, **Milos® TFP**, **Milos® Global Supply Chain Visibility** and **StarTracking**. Complementing the offer, **Federated Services (cloud-based)** enable a more efficient migration towards digital business models.

Through **Magellan Circle** and **Magellan Circle Italy**, the Group operates in Brussels and across Europe in advocacy activities with European Institutions, supporting public bodies and companies with **Strategic Communication and Advocacy** and **EU Funding Accelerator** services, with a focus on the Green Deal and energy transition.

With **Cargo Start**, specialised in technology solutions for air cargo, Circle has strengthened its offering in a segment that is strategic to the Connect 4 Agile Growth industrial plan. With **eXyond**, the Group is active in advanced infomobility services (**InfoBluNewGen**) and telematics solutions for the logistics, transport and insurance sectors (**Kmaster**).

Circle also holds a 20% stake in the innovative start-up **ACCUDIRE**, which provides a collaborative platform for document management along global supply chains, starting from e-CMR and e-DDT (electronic consignment notes). With **NEXT Customs**, the Group develops digital customs optimisation services, contributing to process harmonisation in line with the strategic directions of Connect 4 Agile Growth.



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