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HAKO AND CARLISLE CLEANING TAKE FLIGHT WITH A QUALITY OFFERING

Hako Machines continues to excel in new and existing sectors, having been successfully employed by Carlisle Cleaning aviation division to carry out the cleaning at Aberdeen Airport. This experience gained at Aberdeen contributed to the Hertfordshire-based cleaning contractor being awarded the contracts to clean Edinburgh Airport and London Stansted.

Subsequently, Carlisle's positive experience of using Hako's scrubber-dryers at Aberdeen airport has seen them re-invest in Hako machinery – namely the Hakomatic B1100 – to start the new contracts.

One of the main services offered to Hako's customers is the follow-up, i.e. training, and a large contingent of Hako's staff visited the respective airports to administer intensive training sessions over a three-day period. At Stansted, Hako staff worked around the structured shift pattern for workers (four days on and four days off), leaving little to chance and ensuring that just about everyone involved was well versed in how to operate Hako's machines.

"Even the management team for Hako came down," revealed Joe Read, Head of Aviation Services at Carlisle. "That such senior members of staff were willing to carry out the training says a lot about Hako as a company

"It was a busy time. All of the suppliers worked together and played a part in getting ready at the start of the busy holiday season. We have a very large mobilisation team, drawn from all areas of our business, and Hako was an important part of the team. In particular re-training members of staff who transferred from the previous contractor."

The Hakomatic B1100, which is used for the bulk of the cleaning work at the Edinburgh and Stansted airports, was employed primarily because of its substantial size. The airports have large spaces to clean, particularly Stansted, which is Europe's largest and busiest single terminal airport, where 24 million passengers fly from each year.

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Apart from its size, the B1100 is an impressively configured and pragmatic machine for areas that are high in traffic. It is easy to steer and operate, and has a quiet battery drive, which is free from exhaust fumes – the battery can be exchanged quickly (approximately two minutes) and without fuss. The B1100 has short set-up times, thanks to its automatic water filling system. All working functions on the B1100 such as wet scrubbing, supply of water, dry vacuuming, work at a single push of the Hakomatic button.

The machine benefits from the Hako Control System, which involves it being programmed by Hako engineers according to the specific requirements of the customer. For example, the brushes and water supply stop when the machine comes to a standstill. It also has long running times, thanks to its 310-litre tank volume - it has an optional dirty water recycling system for multiple use of the chosen cleaning solution.

The B1100 also has Hako's signature Aqua-Stop System built in. The system offers up to 50 per cent saving of water and cleaning agents. The cleaning agent dosage system helps to save further on the remaining costs cleaning agents.

Cost savings are also available in the service area as a result of direct access to all important components and an intelligent diagnostic system that displays any malfunction codes. And the optional Hako diagnostic unit, which can be purchased separately, makes maintenance work even easier.

Hako UK is part of the Hako Group, one of the leading manufacturers, worldwide, of technology for indoor and outdoor cleaning and grounds maintenance. The company has factories throughout Europe. For more information on Hako and its range of machines, visit www.hako.co.uk.

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