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Saab's Digital Tower selected for Sønderborg Airport in Denmark

Sønderborg Airport has chosen Saab to supply its Digital Tower solution, making it the first airport in Denmark to adopt this modern technology. The solution improves operational efficiency, avoids the need for a new physical tower, and ensures all local air traffic control jobs are retained.

Saab's Digital Tower has been selected by Sønderborg Airport as part of the airport's transformation into a key aviation hub for southern Denmark. This project is an important milestone as the airport becomes the first in Denmark to operate with a digital air traffic control tower, eliminating the need for a costly physical structure while maintaining efficiency and safety. Thus, future-proofing the airport and its services.

Sønderborg Airport will receive the latest model of Saab's r-TWR product, tailored for small and regional airports. The r-TWR Compact RTM offers features that support safe and efficient digital Automatic Flight Information Service (AFIS) operations, allowing the airport to remain fully operational throughout the transition. Saab Denmark A/S is set to deliver the TactiCall VCS (Voice Communication Solution) to Sønderborg Airport's digital tower, facilitating efficient air traffic services. This solution supports seamless communication between ground control and air traffic, as well as between various ground operations.

"We are proud to collaborate with Sønderborg Airport in shaping the future of air traffic control. We are excited to contribute our expertise to this transformative project in Denmark," says Per Ahl, CEO at Saab Digital Air Traffic Solutions.

"This marks a historic step for our airport and the region. With Saab's Digital Tower, we are modernizing in a way that keeps our airport efficient and connected, while retaining jobs locally. It is exciting to see Sønderborg Airport lead the way as Denmark's first digital tower airport," says Jákup Sverri Kass, CEO of Sønderborg Airport.

Sønderborg Airport aims to become a key hub for southern Denmark, supported by local companies co-funding fixed flight routes. The airport's ambition is to

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boost regional connectivity while establishing the area as a growing tourist destination. Additionally, the expanding aircraft maintenance industry strengthens the airport's position as a center for both travel and aviation services.

r-TWR are digital towers which enable the remote use of air traffic services (ATS) from any location. Being at an airport, air base or at a centralised location, distance is no longer a factor. The r-TWR functions can be integrated to a traditional tower as a hybrid solution, and can support the ramp and apron management using the same information. It can also be deployed and put in place when needed.

Saab is a leading defence and security company with an enduring mission, to help nations keep their people and society safe. Empowered by its 24,000 talented people, Saab constantly pushes the boundaries of technology to create a safer and more sustainable world. Saab designs, manufactures and maintains advanced systems in aeronautics, weapons, command and control, sensors and underwater systems. Saab is headquartered in Sweden. It has major operations all over the world and is part of the domestic defence capability of several nations.

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