

SAS Ground Services chosen by bmi in Chicago

bmi, one of the largest airlines in the UK, has signed an agreement with SAS Ground Services for ground handling at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. The agreement is effective from June 21.

bmi operates one daily Airbus A330 flight out of Chicago to Manchester.

SAS Ground Services was chosen after a comprehensive evaluation of several offers and represents bmi's first change in handling arrangements since the start of operations to O'Hare in 2001.

– This agreement allows bmi to realize improved cost efficiencies and service standards, says Peter Thorn, general manager commercial bmi. The co-operation paves the way for early introduction of electronic ticketing on the route, which is of significant benefit to our customers. It is also beneficial that the passenger service remains with a company that already handles Star Alliance, with all the synergies and competencies that brings.

– We are very happy to have concluded this agreement with bmi and thereby being able to count yet another quality carrier among our customers, says Flemming Alsing, responsible for the agreement in SAS Ground Services International.

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SAS Ground Services, SGS, is a full-service provider of airline ground handling and airport related services and a wholly owned subsidiary of the SAS Group. SGS is the largest ground handling company in Scandinavia and is also present at many locations around the world, totally at 160 airports in 40 countries. SGS has an annual turnover of SEK 6,200 million and about 8.200 employees.

SGS International provides airline ground handling and other airport related services, either under personal management or as a consolidator. SGS International provides ground handling at approximately 120 airports worldwide, has a turnover of SEK 1,5 billion and about 1,000 employees.

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bmi is one of the largest airlines in the UK holding 12% of all take off and landing slots at London Heathrow. From humble beginnings nearly 70 years ago, bmi today operates almost 1,700 flights per week over a network of 38 airports in the UK, Europe, India and transatlantic to the USA and Caribbean.

British Midland joined the Star Alliance on 1 July 2000. First-ever scheduled services between Manchester and Washington DC and Chicago began in Spring 2001. In early 2003 bmi British midland reverted to the name bmi.

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