

# Media Release

## Design and build contract for Durgapur Airport awarded

**SINGAPORE, 17 September 2010** – Changi Airport Group (CAG) today announced the award of the Design and Build Contract for Durgapur Airport by Bengal Aerotropolis Projects Limited (BAPL), to Simplex Infrastructures Limited, an Indian infrastructure construction company. Changi Airports International (CAI), the international arm of CAG, has a 26% stake in BAPL.

The scope of the contract involves an initial development of a 2,800 metre long runway along with a passenger terminal building capable of handling one million passengers annually. A letter of award has been issued to the construction company for immediate commencement of work at site.

BAPL is a specialist company formed for the development of the Durgapur Aerotropolis. The Durgapur Aerotropolis is India's first aerotropolis project and its first privately owned merchant airport. The aerotropolis involves the setting up of an industrial park, a logistics hub and a township around the privately owned greenfield airport. The project is CAI's first investment in an Indian greenfield airport city project.

Through its subsidiary, Changi Airport Planners and Engineers (CAPE), CAI has been actively involved in the aerotropolis project. CAPE is engaged by BAPL in a technical consultancy for the development of the airport. CAPE has been involved in developing the conceptual design for airside facilities, passenger terminal building and ancillary airport operations buildings, and advising BAPL on the preparation of the airport tender documents and evaluation of the bids for the

finalisation of the Design and Build Contract for the airport.

Mr Wong Woon Liong, Chief Executive Officer, CAI, says the project has been progressing as planned, with the award of the Design and Build contract being a significant milestone. “We are pleased to be able to participate in the development of this aerotropolis project. With the achievement of this significant milestone, we will continue to use our expertise to support the management and expansion of the airport, which is an essential part of Durgapur Aerotropolis.”

Mr. Arvind Pande, Chairman, BAPL, says, “CAPE, with its association with Singapore Changi Airport, has rich experience and expertise in airport planning and has provided BAPL with sound advice. We are delighted to be associated with them and look forward to an enduring and long-term relationship with them to take the aerotropolis project to the next level.”

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### **About Changi Airport Group**

Changi Airport Group (CAG) ([www.changiairportgroup.com](http://www.changiairportgroup.com)) was formed on 1 July 2009 as a result of the corporatisation of Singapore Changi Airport. As the company managing Changi Airport, the world's most awarded airport, CAG undertakes key functions focusing on airport operations and management, air hub development, commercial activities and airport emergency services. Through its subsidiary Changi Airports International, the Group invests in and manages foreign airports to spread the success of Changi Airport internationally.

Changi Airport ([www.changiairport.com](http://www.changiairport.com)) handled 37.2 million passenger movements in 2009 and registered a monthly record of 3.83 million in December 2009. Presently, Changi serves 96 airlines flying to some 200 cities in about 60 countries and territories worldwide. A flight takes off or lands at Changi every two minutes.

### **About Changi Airports International**

Changi Airports International (CAI) is an airport investor and manager. It has been involved in the development of various airports throughout the world. CAI's portfolio concentrates on airport assets in emerging economies. These assets are targeted for their growth and value enhancement over a medium term horizon. The portfolio is balanced with a component consisting of assets in the

more mature airport markets. Apart from its 26% stake in Bengal Aerotropolis Project Limited, it has recently acquired a 5% stake in Gemina S.p.A., the holding company of Aeroporti di Roma, the operator of Rome's airport system.

### **About Durgapur Aerotropolis**

Durgapur Aerotropolis is India's first Aerotropolis (an Airport City) in the Durgapur-Asansol region of Bardhaman district at an estimated investment of S\$4 billion. The project will involve setting up an Industrial Park, logistics hub, IT park with supporting infrastructure like housing, tourism, healthcare and social interchange facilities. While the Airport will be developed over 300 hectares, the supporting industrial and social infrastructure will be developed over 600 hectares.

### **About Durgapur – Asansol region**

Durgapur-Asansol is one of the most centrally located industrial zones in eastern India. While Asansol is fast emerging as a trade and commerce destination, Durgapur is emerging as a manufacturing, educational, IT and logistics hub. Durgapur is the site of an integrated steel plant complex besides an alloy steel plant and is the major centre of coal mining. The region is well served by a major railway and road network.