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MFI signs a major contract with the General Directorate of Civil Aviation of Kuwait for the modernization of its Meteorology Department



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Kuwait City, 05/06/24 – In the presence of His Highness Sheikh Humoud Mubarak Humoud Al-Sabah, President of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (**DGCA**) of Kuwait, Her Excellency Claire Le Flécher, the French Ambassador to Kuwait, Mr. Patrick Benichou, President of Meteo France International (**MFI**) signed a contract of 12.8 million KWD (≈ 37 million Euros) for the global strengthening of its Meteorological Department. This ambitious project is part of a larger initiative for the complete modernization of Kuwait City's international airport complex for which the **DGCA** has enlisted the services of the Dutch engineering company **DEERNS**. **MFI** is locally represented by the company **SEEDIS**, part of MASPCO - Musaed Abdullah AlSayer & Partners Company, with more than 30 years of experience in the fields of engineering and integration.

The project proposed by **MFI** in response to **DGCA**'s requirements includes the implementation of a complete and integrated information system, from the collection and management of large volumes of data to the dissemination of warnings and met information to the general public, as well as value-added products for Kuwait's weather-sensitive economic sectors, including aviation and the oil & gas industry. Special emphasis will be put on the implementation of advanced technological solutions in the areas of early warning and modeling, particularly sandstorms, a major local problem. Beyond these cutting-edge technical solutions, and true to its global and turnkey approach, **MFI** will also provide an ambitious capacity building program for **DGCA** teams. More than 130 weeks of training are included in the project to ensure its effectiveness and sustainability. With the same concern for durability, the **DGCA** made the smart choice to plan a 4-year technical support and maintenance period at the end of the two and half years of completion of the contract.

Thanks to this global strengthening project, **DGCA** is about to significantly improve its warning and service capacity for better protection of the Kuwaiti people, and better support to the country's major economic activities. By making this technological leap, **DGCA** is also positioning itself as a leading player on the Middle East meteorological scene, thus strengthening Kuwait's overall influence in the area.

For **MFI**, this new project reinforces its status as a leader in the field of modernization projects for National Hydrometeorological Services. It confirms the relevance of the company's positioning and offer in a world aware of the growing importance of efficient weather services in a context of global climate change and increase of extreme weather phenomena.

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MFI is a subsidiary of **Météo-France**, the French National Meteorological Service. Pioneer in the field of global modernization projects for National Hydrometeorological Services throughout the world, **MFI** has developed, over the past 20 years, a unique approach based on a DBO (Design-Build-Operate) model, combining cutting-edge technical solutions and extensive support services for turnkey projects embracing the whole meteorological value chain and relevant in a context of global climate change.

MFI has carried out projects in more than 110 countries and has unique references in the field of integrated modernization projects (Côte d'Ivoire, Angola, Indonesia, India, Egypt, Cambodia, Qatar, Libya, etc.)

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