

## Press release

# Beijing's major new airport is putting its trust in cleaning machines from the Swiss Aebi Schmidt Group

Frauenfeld, October 30, 2018 – **Aebi Schmidt Holding AG, a Switzerland-based leading provider of products and services for the cleaning and maintenance of traffic areas and green spaces, will supply Beijing Daxing International Airport with a total of 34 cleaning machines by June 2019. The contract highlights the ASH Group's ambitious growth plans in the international airport sector.**

In the future, machines from the ASH Group will also be in use at the major new Beijing Daxing International Airport. The ASH Group has been awarded the contract to supply various cleaning machines from the Schmidt brand and the recently acquired M-B Companies through to June 2019.

The order includes 14 Schmidt jet sweepers, which are characterized by a wide clearing path and high operating speed, that will be used to keep the runways and taxiways clear of snow and ice. These will be complemented by four high-speed sweepers from the Schmidt brand for cleaning operating and traffic areas in both summer and winter. Aebi Schmidt will also deliver 16 machines from the M-B brand, which are highly maneuverable thanks to a brush on the front and a fan at the rear.

### **“A huge honor for Aebi Schmidt”**

The machines ordered will be produced at the German factory in St. Blasien and in Wisconsin in the US. Barend Fruithof, CEO of Aebi Schmidt Holding, says: “We’re very proud that Beijing Daxing International Airport is making use of Aebi Schmidt’s machines. It’s a real honor for us. The order affirms our ambition to continue our expansion in the global airport sector.”

### **Successful start with M-B Companies**

The contract for Beijing Daxing International Airport is an excellent reference for the Asian market, which has huge potential for growth. The ASH Group’s success with the contract also shows how well the products of M-B Companies, acquired in July 2018, complement Aebi Schmidt’s machines. M-B Companies is the leading US manufacturer of snow removal and cleaning machines in the airport sector.

“This is the first joint business deal since the acquisition of M-B Companies,” says Barend Fruithof. “We are delighted to have achieved this so soon after the merger. It will motivate us to continue our expansion in the airport sector together with M-B Companies.”

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## **Aebi Schmidt Holding AG**

The Swiss **ASH Group** is the global leader of smart product systems and services for the treatment of mission-critical infrastructural and agricultural areas. Our extensive range of products comprises our own vehicles as well as innovative attachments and demountable devices for individual vehicle equipment. Our decades of extensive experience make ASH Group a both reliable and competent partner to customers from all over the world. A service programme perfectly tailored to sophisticated customer needs offers the appropriate solution to nearly any challenge. Our close cooperation with municipal and private customers regularly results in well-regarded innovations which continually set new standards.

**Aebi** – Headquartered in Burgdorf, Switzerland, Aebi is one of the world leaders in manufacturing vehicles for the safe mechanical cultivation and maintenance of extremely steep slopes and particularly demanding terrain. The range is being expanded to include multifunctional and powerful transporters with an implement-carrier function that enable a variety of add-ons and attachments to be fitted.

**Schmidt** – With production sites in Germany, Holland, Norway and Poland, Schmidt offers one of the most extensive product portfolios worldwide in several lines of business. The complex portfolio is made up of versatile solutions for winter maintenance, summer maintenance as well as airport, vehicle and rail technology.

**Meyer** Products and **Swenson** Products have been part of the ASH Group since 2015. Meyer, which is based in Cleveland in the US state of Ohio, is one of the leading manufacturers of winter maintenance equipment in North America. The company mainly manufactures snow ploughs and spreaders for private users and the semi-professional sector. Swenson, which is based in Lindenwood in the US state of Illinois, is the leading manufacturer of municipal winter maintenance equipment for snow clearance and treating icy roads for both private users and local authorities. The range of products comprises powerful spreaders to be attached to trucks and commercial vehicles.

**M-B Companies** – In mid-2018, the ASH Group has acquired M-B Companies (Wisconsin and Pennsylvania), a leading US manufacturer of snow removal and cleaning machines in the airport sector. The ASH Group has thereby gained a foothold in the North American airport market and expanded its global position in this sector.