

Press release

Curaçao Airport embracing renewable Energy from the Ocean

Willemstad, Curaçao (August 16, 2010) – Curaçao Airport Holding N.V. (CAH) and Bluerise BV have started a collaboration to provide the Airport premises with renewable energy from the Ocean. Seawater Air-conditioning (SWAC), Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC), Low Temperature Thermal Desalination (LTTD) are candidate technologies to be implemented. Also, the creation of a renewable energy Ecopark is considered with support from the scientific community.

“With our location right next to the Ocean, we are perfectly suited for Ocean Energy” said Mr. Maurice Adriaens, Managing Director of CAH. “The most obvious form is to use the deep water to cool all the facilities on our premises. Also electricity and drinking water can be generated for the Airport users. These types of sustainable activities are fully in-line with our plans to further develop the Airport into an Airport City. An Ecopark focused on renewable Ocean Energy with educational facilities would be a very welcome addition. We believe a partner with the in-depth knowledge that Bluerise has, is required to make this a success.”

“We are impressed by Curaçao Airport Holding's vision towards the implementation of renewable energy sources.” said Mr. Remi Blokker, CEO of Bluerise “We look forward to working with domestic and international industry, financial and scientific partners to realize this vision. Embracing the benefits of Ocean Thermal Energy will not only help CAH significantly reducing its energy costs and carbon footprint, but also allows CAH to offer an even more complete and attractive portfolio to its users.”

“We very much welcome the initiative CAH is undertaking.” said Mr. Miguel Goede, Rector Magnificus of the University of the Netherlands Antilles. “Being able to establish a research facility will allow us to offer our students, both from Curaçao and international, a great opportunity to work in the emerging field of renewable Ocean Energy for which our island is perfectly situated. We also look forward to work together with other universities, since this Ecopark would offer them a unique chance to broaden their research capabilities.”

The initial phase of the project, which is now well underway, will be completed within a few weeks.

About Curaçao Airport Holding N.V.

Curaçao Airport Holding, as owner of the airport premises, is officially responsible for overseeing the Curaçao airport operator (CAP) and its adherence to the standards and agreements set forth in the agreement signed with the government of Curaçao. Curaçao Airport Holding is also responsible for the Development of the Airport City; this concerns a total of 450 ha of land adjacent to the airport which has the potential to become a sophisticated service hub predominantly for the (growing) Northern Latin-American market. Curaçao Airport Holding sees Curaçao International Airport as a 'Hub', connecting the Americas, transforming from an airstrip into an Airport City; a dynamic environment attracting aviation and non-aviation linked businesses of all types, stimulating and facilitating the increase of passengers and cargo traffic and creating a powerful engine for the necessary economic development of Curaçao.



About Bluerise BV

Bluerise is a technology provider in the emerging Ocean Thermal Energy market. Ocean Thermal Energy, with its low-cost, baseload generation capabilities, its huge potential and the possibility to generate electricity, cooling, drinking water and fuels, is on its way to become one of the leading renewable energy sources. Bluerise is closely affiliated with the Delft University of Technology and is member of the European Ocean Energy Association (EU-OEA) and the Dutch Energy from Water Association (EWA).

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