Leonardo strengthens its position in the airport logistics sector, signs new contract with Frankfurt Airport

- Fraport AG (Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide), one of the largest operators in the sector internationally, has chosen Leonardo to provide a baggage handling system for the new Pier G at Frankfurt Airport’s new Terminal 3

- The new system, incorporating two MBHS® (Multi-Sorting Baggage Handling System) cross-belt sorting machines, will manage the bags of approximately 5 million passengers each year, significantly improving the quality and safety of services

- Leonardo’s baggage handling technology has already been chosen by several airports in Europe, the Middle East and Asia Pacific

Rome, 11 June 2020 – Leonardo has strengthened its leadership position in the airport logistics sector, signing a contract to provide a baggage handling system (BHS) at Frankfurt Airport, the busiest hub in Germany and ranked fourth in Europe with about 70 million travellers passing through the airport in 2019.

Leonardo will take on overall management of the project to create a new baggage sorting system at Terminal 3’s under-construction Pier G, providing an end-to-end service from the design to the integration of the system. Once fully operational, Pier G will initially serve approximately 5 million passengers per year.

The new baggage handling solution, which will incorporate safety and sorting functions, will be implemented in two phases. In 2021 the BHS will be delivered and installed as a stand-alone system. In a second phase the system will be expanded and integrated with the airport’s wider baggage handling system.

Two MBHS® (Multi-Sorting Baggage Handling System) cross-belt sorters, which feature state-of-the-art technology and low energy consumption while remaining easy to maintain, will form the heart of the new BHS. They will be joined by approximately 40 check-in stations, baggage arrival carousels and all related baggage transportation and security check subsystems, in accordance with international standards. Leonardo will also provide software which will allow operators to monitor the system and manage baggage as it is sorted and processed towards boarding.

Frankfurt Airport is the latest customer to choose Leonardo’s baggage handling solutions, joining Rome Fiumicino, Geneva, Paris Orly, Lyon, Zurich and others airports in Europe, as well as those in the Middle East and Asia Pacific including Kuwait international Airport and Honk Kong International Airport.