Noida International Airport (NIA) successfully conducts Validation Flight, marking a key milestone toward 2025 opening

National, December 09, 2024– Noida International Airport (NIA) has achieved a significant milestone with the successful completion of its validation flight on 9th December 2024, a vital element of the aerodrome licensing process. This milestone was achieved in the august presence of the Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation. The flight conducted by IndiGo, the launch carrier for the airport, verified the airport's approach procedures, confirming the accuracy and functionality of its navigational aids and air traffic control systems. This crucial step demonstrates NIA's adherence to the stringent safety and operational standards required for commercial operations. Following the validation flight, NIA will finalize the required documentation for aerodrome certification and submit it to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

This milestone builds upon the successful October calibration of the Instrument Landing System (ILS) and Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) systems by the Airports Authority of India, supported by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and successful Simulator trials of the RNP (Required Navigation Performance) procedures. This calibration ensures the highest safety standards for aircraft operations at NIA.

Christoph Schnellmann, CEO, Noida International Airport, said *"The successful completion of validation flights at Noida International Airport is a proud moment for our entire team. This milestone reflects the dedication and meticulous planning that has gone into ensuring the airport is ready for commercial operations. We are gearing up for the airport's opening and look forward to welcoming passengers to the airport."*

The validation flight is being conducted on an Airbus A-320 to test the RNP (Required Navigation Performance) procedures and ILS approach procedures. RNP is a set of navigation specifications that allow aircraft to fly precise flightpaths with high accuracy.

About Noida International Airport

Noida International Airport (IATA code - DXN) will connect the greater Delhi area and Western Uttar Pradesh with other cities in India and the world. This world-class airport will combine Swiss efficiency and Indian hospitality to offer rich experiences and comprehensivecommercial attractions and services to its passengers. NIA is committed to an ambitious net-zero emissions goal supported by sustainable design and operations principles.

Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL) was established for the development, construction and operation of the greenfield project - the Noida International Airport. Thecompany, a 100% subsidiary of Zurich Airport International AG, is responsible for the implementation of the public-private partnership project in close partnership with the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Government of India. The concession period for Noida International Airport commenced on October 01, 2021, and will run for 40 years. At its opening,the airport will feature one runway and one terminal and handle a capacity of 12 million passengers – with the potential for further development in additional construction phases.