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## INAUGURATION OF THE NEW RUNWAY FOR THE BERGAMO AERO CLUB

### THE RENOVATION WORKS WERE PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT BY SACBO

The Bergamo Aero Club has officially inaugurated its own 12/30 runway, 714 metres in length and 18 metres wide, which - together with the taxiway surface - has been renovated and resurfaced by SACBO with an investment of approximately EUR 800 thousand in accordance with a project organised by the SACBO Infrastructure Directorate and implemented by the company Artifoni. The works also included the updating of signage for the runway, the taxiways and the aircraft apron.

The project involved improvements and increases in efficiency for aeronautical operations and ground handling achieved with an update of the declared runway distances, the elimination of the starting points at runway heads 12 and 30, a new configuration for the runway strip and the construction of a runway end safety area for both heads.

*“SACBO recognises the importance of the activities of the Bergamo Aero Club, which are carried out within the extremely important context of the operations of Bergamo Airport”, stated **Giovanni Sanga, the president of SACBO.** “The investment in the runway renovation works by the airport management company serves to guarantee the utmost safety and the continuity of the club’s programmes, including the flight school, through which the almost one hundred-year-old association upholds the values of aeronautics.”*

*“Ever since I took on the role of leading the Bergamo Aero Club, I have been aware of the support and the attention of SACBO, which understands how our mission aims to be of use to the community, for example providing free services to assist Civil Protection in surveillance of the area”, stressed **Andrea Orsi, the ninth president in the history of the association, which has around 150 member pilots.** “We are grateful to SACBO for the renovation works on the Aero Club runway, which will allow us to operate in conditions of the utmost safety. Our flight school is a source of pride, as the location of the operational base represents a significant advantage in training pilots, who quickly become used to the air traffic of a large-scale international airport in controlled airspace.”*

Founded in 1930, with an airfield in Ponte San Pietro - Brembate Sopra, which was the headquarters of the aeronautical company Caproni, the Bergamo Aero Club is one of the oldest associations in Italy, and it has been present in the area of Orio al Serio airport since 1947. On 16 July 1970, the Bergamo Aero Club was one of the founding partners of SACBO S.P.A., the company that manages Orio al Serio Airport, and of which it continues to hold an, albeit marginal, share. The Bergamo Aero Club is a member of the Aeroclub D'Italia and one of the first Aero Clubs to join AOPA Italia. The Bergamo Aero Club is registered as an amateur sports association, is a member of the Aeroclub D'Italia, an affiliate of CONI, and one of the first Aero Clubs to join AOPA Italia. It has approximately 150 member pilots.