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SACBO PRESS RELEASE ON THE REOPENING OF THE RUNWAY AT MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT

SACBO has announced that the runway at Milan Bergamo Airport reopened at 7.30 p.m. local time. Operations returned to normal with the landing of the Norwegian flight from Helsinki. The runway had been closed since 8.00 a.m. due to a 450-m section of runway being put out of action due to the bursting of the four tyres on the rear undercarriage of Ryanair flight FR 846 during landing from Barcelona El Prat. None of the 161 passengers or the crew were harmed.

The works to repair the runway surface commenced following removal of the aircraft stranded on the runway, thanks to the intervention of specialised technicians under the supervision of SACBO personnel and the Fire Brigade. The process required the milling of the damaged surface, followed by asphaltting and the restoration of runway markings, after which the runway was tested before flight operations were allowed to recommence.

“Works that would have normally taken much longer were carried out in just over six hours”, stressed Giovanni Sanga, president of SACBO. “Excellent teamwork, which began with the immediate intervention of the Fire Brigade and the contribution of SACBO technical and operational staff, as well as the specialised companies appointed. We would like to express our compassion and our gratitude to the waiting passengers, many of whom were forced to abandon their travel plans, for their understanding. We would particularly like to commend the support provided by the airport handling staff. Our gratitude also goes to the law enforcement agencies present in the airport, and to all the workers involved in airport services”.

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