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Let the games begin: thyssenkrupp completes modernization work at one of the largest airports in Brazil

- 118 elevators, escalators, moving walks and passenger boarding bridges installed at the RIOgaleão International airport in Rio de Janeiro help to shape world class infrastructure
- Delivery and installation within 13 months without disruption to regular airport operations
- Airport ready to receive the 1.5 million passengers expected for the games

Nearly two months ahead of the start of the world's greatest sports event, modernization work at one of Brazil's largest airport has been completed. Soon, 25 elevators, 21 escalators, 14 moving walks and 58 passenger boarding bridges supplied by thyssenkrupp will ensure quick and convenient transportation for over 17 million passengers who visit the RIOgaleão airport every year.

The modernization work was completed in 13 months; the tight schedule meant that delivery and installation of the equipment took place in record fashion, with many new units installed while regular airport operations continued uninterrupted. "Modern airports are vital global hubs, and for major events, efficient and safe transportation of visitors is one of the biggest challenges. We are proud to have played an important part in addressing this challenge by modernizing RlOgaleão's mobility infrastructure and helping to ensure the success of the games in Brazil," says Andreas Schierenbeck, CEO of thyssenkrupp Elevator.

The airport's newly built Terminal 3 now houses the longest moving walk in Latin America, measuring 100 meters. In addition, the new passenger boarding bridges use innovative safety technologies – a first in Brazil: They feature a European-standard automated docking system that allows precise measurement of gaps and minimizes damage to the aircraft. This is particularly important when handling the world's biggest passenger aircraft, the A380, as at least two bridges are needed per aircraft. RIOgaleão is the only airport in Brazil able to receive an aircraft of this size.

Positive effects of the airport's modernization are already visible; new airlines have added the airport to their schedules, while existing users such as Lufthansa are increasing the frequency of their flights to and from Rio. In this year, the airline hopes that its passenger numbers will increase from 6 million to 6.5 million per year.



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