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FlyingZERO marks first 120 days of operations with trusted performance across emergency response, drone delivery and institutional missions

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FlyingZERO, the aviation service of ZERO operated by SKY Mobility (Malta) Ltd., today marked the completion of its first 120 days of regulated operations, demonstrating how electric drone logistics can deliver faster, lower-noise and highly precise transport solutions across Malta and Gozo.

SKY Mobility (Malta) Ltd. is the Malta-based authorised operator conducting the aviation operations behind FlyingZERO. The company holds the relevant operational authorisation approved by Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate (TM CAD) and operates within the applicable EU/EASA framework.

Over its first 120 days of operations, FlyingZERO completed 465 flight legs, delivered more than 200 time-critical or high-priority consignments, and achieved an on-time performance of 93 percent across customer-confirmed flights.

The first operational phase was designed to validate two core use cases for Malta: emergency response support, where every minute matters, and drone delivery services, where speed, precision, sustainability and access can improve how goods and critical items move between locations.

"Malta needs innovation that solves real operational problems. Our first 120 days show that advanced air mobility can create meaningful value when it is applied to the right missions, under a disciplined safety framework, and with a clear public-purpose mindset. When someone hands you something that matters - time-critical medical supplies, a trophy, a national document, or an item of value where timing matters - they are really handing you responsibility. Our first 120 days were about earning that trust."

- Alexander Esslinger, CEO and Founder, SKY Mobility (Malta)

Emergency response and drone delivery: proving real-world use cases

FlyingZERO's first 120 days showed that electric air delivery can support mission types where timing, coordination and execution matter. The company's model is designed to complement conventional transport, not replace it, by serving consignments and missions where speed, predictability and controlled delivery create real operational value.

Among the milestone operations completed during this period were daily medical logistics operations for St. James Hospital, supporting the transfer of time-critical supplies between Zejtun and Sliema; the delivery of the BOV Super Cup trophy to the National Stadium ahead of the final football match; and the precision delivery of Maltas Vision 2050 document to the event stage at Tritons Square, Valletta.



"In healthcare logistics, timing, reliability and trust are critical. FlyingZERO has demonstrated that this service can support our operations with precision and consistency, helping us move time-sensitive supplies between locations in a way that adds real operational value."

- Jean-Claude Muscat, CEO, St. James Hospital

"In laboratory medicine, every minute can matter. FlyingZERO has provided MLS with a reliable additional logistics capability for urgent blood sample transfers, including UN3373 biological substances. On 21 occasions, we requested ad-hoc emergency response flights where immediate movement of samples was needed to support doctors with timely results and treatment decisions, including in theatre. This service has demonstrated clear value for time-critical healthcare logistics."

- Paul Sultana, Managing Director, Medical Laboratory Services

"SKY Mobility exceeded expectations during the BOV Super Cup trophy handover. Their professionalism and guidance in a highly regulated environment were outstanding. Beyond safety and efficiency for emergency medical transport, their drone service adds spectacle to events and has huge potential to enhance logistics across sectors."

- Matthew Gonzi, Malta Football Association, Ta`Qali National Stadium

What FlyingZERO has proven in Malta

- Improved emergency response time for suitable time-sensitive missions.
- Reduced dependency on congested road corridors for critical deliveries.
- Lower local emissions through electric operations on suitable routes.
- Better access potential for remote or less-connected areas, including future Malta-Gozo connectivity.
- Private-sector investment in new logistics capability, fleet, systems and procedures.
- Creation of new jobs and skills pathways, including recruitment of a second batch of remote pilots in Malta and Gozo.
- Operational maturity that positions Malta among Europe's more advanced real-world drone logistics environments in this category.

Strong performance in contracted medical logistics

A core part of FlyingZERO's first operational phase was its contracted medical logistics activity for St. James Hospital. On the SJZ-SJS route, FlyingZERO executed 212 deliveries with 100 percent delivered performance recorded in SKY Mobility's operator log for that contracted service.

Applied specifically to St. James Hospital operations on the SJZ-SJS route only, FlyingZERO estimates that these operations avoided approximately 220 kg of CO2e emissions, replaced 2,120 km of road transport, and saved approximately 88 hours compared with conventional transport alternatives.

Safety, security and responsible operations

FlyingZERO's first 120 days were conducted within a controlled operational framework built around safety, compliance and conservative decision-making. Across this period, the company maintained a disciplined approach to mission planning, weather assessment and operational limitations, including more than 24 weather-related no-go or delayed decisions taken in the interest of safety.

"As the competent authority, our priority is that safety and compliance remain the foundation of these operations. TM CAD has been monitoring SKY Mobility (Malta) to verify that flights are conducted within its operational authorisation and with the discipline required of regulated air operations. Any future progression to a wider scale of operations will continue to be assessed through the appropriate regulatory process."

- Captain Charles Pace, Director General, Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate

Environmental considerations addressed with evidence-based operations

FlyingZERO environmental concerns have been treated as part of the operating model from the outset. This includes local noise, potential impact on animals, the climate impact of energy use, battery production and disposal, and the need to demonstrate measurable emissions reductions rather than simply claim them.

Based on a standardized comparison methodology using a 10 km road-delivery baseline, a road transport factor of 0.17067 kg CO₂/km, a Malta electricity emission factor of 0.389 kg CO₂/kWh, and average drone energy consumption of 0.352 kWh per delivery, FlyingZERO estimates that its operations produce approximately 92 percent lower emissions than traditional delivery on the modelled route basis.

Ready to scale responsibly

Following the successful completion of its first 120 operational days, FlyingZERO is now preparing for its next stage of growth, subject to TM CAD approval. Priorities include connecting Gozo with Malta, expanding air delivery services for businesses and manufacturers in Gozo, investment in additional fleet and employment, and continued development of sustainable strategic partnerships.

As part of that growth, FlyingZERO is opening applications for its second batch of remote pilots, with candidates based in Malta and Gozo invited to apply through the SKY Mobility company website.

"We are proud of what has been proven in these first 120 days, but more importantly, we are focused on what comes next. Our goal is to build a scalable air delivery capability for Malta and Gozo that is faster, cleaner, quieter, precise, and fully aligned with regulatory expectations and community trust."

- Alexander Esslinger, CEO & Founder and Accountable Manager, SKY Mobility (Malta) Ltd.

About SKY Mobility (Malta) Ltd.

SKY Mobility (Malta) Ltd. is a Malta-based authorised commercial unmanned aircraft operator within the SKY Group. Established in 2024, the company operates electric drone-type aircraft services under the applicable EU/EASA regulatory framework and the relevant approvals issued by Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate.

SKY Mobility provides Drone-as-a-Service capabilities for sectors including healthcare logistics, emergency response, time-critical deliveries, inspections, surveying, security, community safety, shore-to-ship operations and other operational use cases where speed, precision, reliability and access create measurable value.

The company operates the aviation activities behind **FlyingZERO**, the customer-facing aviation service brand of ZERO. SKY Mobility is focused on developing safe, reliable, sustainable and scalable air mobility solutions that complement existing transport infrastructure, reduce dependency on road transport where appropriate, and improve connectivity across Malta, Gozo and future regional routes.

SKY Think Tank Holding Ltd has invested in SKY Mobility (Malta) Ltd, with the drone and associated equipment co-funded by the European Union under the Start-up Enhance Scheme.

For more information, visit www.skymobility.aero

About SKY Group

SKY Group advances transportation and sustainability through innovation, operational expertise and applied technology across aviation, drone operations, renewable energy and next-generation mobility systems.

The Group comprises **SKY ThinkTank Holding Ltd.**, **SKY ThinkTank Ltd.**, and **SKY Mobility (Malta) Ltd.**

SKY ThinkTank Holding Ltd., established in Malta in 2021, leads the Group's strategic development across aviation, renewable energy and net-zero mobility ecosystems, bringing together specialist expertise in advisory, operations, digital development and sustainable infrastructure.

SKY ThinkTank Ltd. provides aviation advisory services focused on strategy, innovation and operational performance, supporting clients in navigating a rapidly evolving aviation and mobility industry.

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Together, the Group is focused on building reliable, sustainable and scalable solutions that complement existing transport infrastructure, reduce reliance on road transport where drone logistics creates measurable value, and strengthen connectivity across Malta, Gozo and future regional markets.

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Alexander Esslinger, CEO and Founder of SKY Mobility (Malta) Ltd., is available for interview. Filming on-site possible on request.

Please let me know if you would like further information, photos, video material, or a one-to-one briefing.