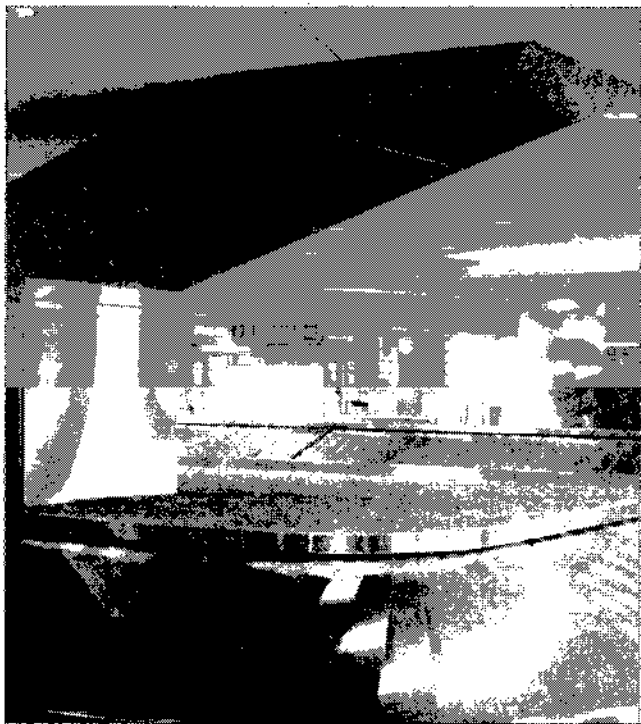


Kiwi hi-tech firm is 'US leader' in airport security



BOISE AIRPORT: Kiwi baggage system is most advanced in the US

Auckland-based airport baggage-handling-system manufacturer Glidepath has been described as a US market leader in baggage security after the opening of its latest project.

Glidepath this week completed the successful handover of its automated baggage-handling and baggage-security screening system, which includes state of the art explosive detection machines, for Boise Airport's new terminal in Idaho.

Boise Airport manager John Anderson claimed the system was a US market leader in homeland security.

"The system is the most technologically advanced baggage-handling and security screening system in operation in the US," he said in his speech at the opening ceremony.

The Boise system is Glide-

path's first fully automated baggage security screening system installed in the US.

Glidepath chairman Ken Stevens said he was pleased with the success of the contract.

"For the customer to acclaim the system as the most technologically advanced in the US is testimony to the international leadership standards demonstrated by our software developers and technical team," he said.

Glidepath sales and marketing assistant Natalie Still said the success of the project was sure to lead to further projects. She said that since the September 11 attacks the demand for Glidepath's technology had been growing.

Following the attacks, over 400 US airports were issued a US Homeland Security mandate requiring all passenger baggage to be screened

before the aircraft is boarded.

By January 2006 all airports in the world will be required to screen baggage.

While the screening can be done manually, automatic systems are more efficient, which promises further demand for Glidepath's products.

Glidepath is already eyeing up contracts at Vancouver and Lima airports. It is based in Auckland but has branches in North and South America and Australia and is recognised internationally for its state of the art airport baggage-handling systems, earning about \$40 million in export sales in 2001/02.

The company was the Trade New Zealand 2002 engineering exporter of the year. The Boise project follows airport installations in Santiago, Chile and Vancouver and in 2001 the contract to design

and build a new baggage-handling system worth \$US40 million at Toronto Airport.

- Dana Johansson