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## **Volga-Dnepr Technics Moscow Passed the Audit and Is Now Entitled to Obtain Certificate under OTAR Part 39 Option 2 Subpart E (CAMO Approval) to Maintain Airworthiness of Bermuda Registered Airplanes.**

Experts of the Bermuda Department of Civil Aviation verified again competence and professional integrity of Volga-Dnepr Technics Moscow (VDTM) will shortly complement the effective AMO BDA 297 Certificate with the right to provide aircraft airworthiness/maintenance services in accordance with provisions of OTAR Part 39 Option 2 Subpart E (CAMO Approval). ➤

Now when the own Certificate BDA/CAMO/159 in at hand for airplane types Boeing 737-300/400/500, Boeing 747-400 (CF6-80) and Boeing 747-8 (GEnx) the VDTM is authorized to offer the following services:

- Develop a/c maintenance program;
- Maintain reliability program;
- Monitor engine fleet operating data;
- Maintain a/c reliability programs, assess efficiency and modify reliability programs;
- Review status of the applicable Aviation Directives (AD) and Service Bulletins (SB);
- Develop maintenance documentation for work performance;
- Flight time planning and recording;
- Develop and maintain HTC and LLP lists/records;
- Develop a/c repair and modernization designs and appropriate documentation.

Three company staff members: A.A. Katkov (Chief Engineer), R.V. Trilessky (A/C Reliability and Failure Analysis Manager) and D.S. Yedinossiak (Audit and Certification Manager) will be authorized to provide personal assessment of Bermuda registered aircraft.

“By getting the BDA/CAMO/159 Certificate Volga-Dnepr Technics Moscow will proudly confirm its adherence to the company’s development strategy in the Russia aircraft maintenance and repair market. We are especially pleased that our company has been recognized by Aviation Authorities as compliant with Global airworthiness and aircraft engineering standards. VDTM is an advanced company where labor is being cherished as a basic value and decent work is understood as intended creative activity which generates benefits to the society, brings pleasure to humans through its contents and gives rise to pride for the results. Company certification under OTAR Part 39 Option 2 Subpart E (CAMO Approval) is direct example of following the Volga-Dnepr Group’s operating principles. I am convinced that the high quality of our services will help us improve and expand partnership relations with the existing and future customers and furthermore, reach new frontiers in the Global MRO market”, Evgueny Kochetov the VDTM General Director said ■

## Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering Service GmbH was granted permit to provide maintenance checks to airplanes registered in the United States of America

**Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering Service GmbH (AMTES GmbH) was approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a maintenance service provider for US-registered airplanes.**

AMTES GmbH is authorized to maintain American Boeing 747-8F (GEnX), B-747-400 B747-200/300 (CF6, PW-4000) type airplanes in the scope of up to A Check inclusive at Leipzig/Halle Airport. The Enhanced Rating C14 enables the Company to repair wheels and brakes removed from US-registered B747-400/8F type airplanes.

In the event that customers show up at line maintenance station in Frankfurt AMTES GmbH will take necessary action to get the station certificated by FAA through European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

“The US FAA approval is a sequence of great effort of all our Company personnel, which helps us be optimistic and look to the future with even more inspiration. We are very much interested in developing relationships with American air carriers and at all times we will be pleased to make available our hangar facilities and personnel so that Customers should have no doubts in the highest quality of our services,” said Ildar Ilyasov the AMTES GmbH Managing Director ■



## Volga-Dnepr builds up presence in russian logistics market

Volga-Dnepr has been consistently increasing its presence as a 3PL provider in the ground logistics market of Russia and CIS. As part of growing co-operation with a newly acquired customer – a project engineering company Telekom-Zapad – various shipments totaling 200 tones have already been successfully delivered as promised.



The scope of logistics services provided to the client in the last seven months covered a total distance of 71,000 km.

The cooperation started with delivering a 230 kg shipment of cable samples to Yakutsk, a Russian Far East city located about 450 km (280 mi) south of the Arctic Circle, as belly cargo on board a passenger aircraft. Transportation was then arranged for another similar shipment, this time by road.

“The customer was satisfied with our service and returned to us with a requirement for a series of cable shipments for Yakutsk Fuel and Energy Company. Around 190 tons of cable were carried by road and rail from Moscow to Kysyl-Syr and Bolshaya Markha settlements in Yakutsk region. Besides our capability to meet the customer’s needs with prompt solutions, we also offered a competitive price. The relations continued in early September, when we arranged for trucking of a 5-ton outsize low-voltage switchboard from Minsk,

Belarus to Yakutsk. A number of similar logistics enquiries are now in plans,” commented Georgiy Shklyanik, Head of Logistics in Volga-Dnepr Airlines.

In addition to transportation itself, the logistics package also included cargo warehousing, packing and insurance services.

The logistics division emerged in the Volga-Dnepr Group in 2014 as part of the company’s evolving strategy of ‘Cargo Supermarket’. The division is charged with the responsibility to provide in-house ground logistics support for Volga-Dnepr Airlines and AirBridgeCargo Airlines operations, and also offers direct 3PL (third party logistics) services to outside organizations using any means of ground transport as well as air transport contracted from other airlines. The growing list of its subcontractors in Russia and CIS countries now includes over 120 companies. The division serves over 100 customers, with 17 of them on a regular basis ■

## AR-145 Certificate Extends AMTES GmbH Capabilities in AN-124 Maintenance

Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC) issued the certificate of conformance with IAC Aviation Rules, Part 145 (AR-145) to AMTES GmbH (a member of Volga-Dnepr Technics Subgroup). This certificate extends company’s capabilities in AN-124 aircraft maintenance and repair.

The document was handed to Ildar Ilyasov, Managing Director, AMTES by Sergey Instrumentov, Manager of IAC’s Certification Service during meeting held at MAK5 2015 Air Show.

IAC Aviation Rules, Part 145 (AR-145) establish the requirements to MRO organizations and certification procedures. The document issued to AMTES GmbH allows the company to incorporate service bulletins on AN-124 aircraft. Moreover AMTES holds all necessary certificates for AN-124 maintenance in hangar facility at Leipzig/Halle Airport.

Ildar Ilyasov, Managing Director, AMTES GmbH noted, “We decided to obtain the MRO Organization Certificate to extend our capabilities in Russian-built aircraft maintenance and repair. This is the first solid step of Volga-Dnepr Group within the project of AN-124 immediate modernization. In the nearest future we are planning to extend the certificate on other types of work in accordance with AR-145. AN-124 aircraft, including those operated by Volga-Dnepr Airlines, proved itself as one of the best Russian-built cargo airplanes. I’m sure that AMTES specialists will do their best to ensure customer satisfaction with terms and quality of services. We plan to increase amount of operation in relation to both Russian and Western aircraft and extend our maintenance capabilities in European market” ■



## Volga-eDnpr Gulf Commences Boeing 747 MRO Contract With Malaysia's Eagle Express

Volga-Dnepr Gulf (VDG), which represents Volga-Dnepr Technics in the Middle East region, has signed a contract with Malaysian charter operator Eagle Express to provide maintenance services for the airline's Boeing 747-400 fleet.

Work under the contract will be carried out in Volga-Dnepr Gulf's modern hangar complex located in Sharjah, UAE, which was launched by Volga-Dnepr Group in April 2013. The contract covers maintenance services for A4-check, Out-Of-Phase Routine Tasks and AD/SB performance.

In July, Volga-Dnepr Gulf successfully conducted maintenance on the first Eagle Express Boeing 747-400 and work has subsequently been completed on a further two aircraft.

Volga-Dnepr Gulf was authorised to undertake the work after the Department of Civil Aviation of Malaysia evaluated the company's hangar facilities in Sharjah Airport and granted approval for VDG to perform maintenance services.



Victor Sherin, Managing Director of Volga-Dnepr Gulf, said: "We are happy to start our cooperation with Eagle Express and ready to provide high quality services to meet all of the airline's requirements. Eagle Express is planning to expand its fleet and VDG has already started negotiations regarding a long-term

contract for maintenance performance on its new aircraft. We are sure that the quality and efficiency of the services we deliver for Eagle Express will further enhance our position in Middle East MRO market and lead to new growth opportunities" ■

## AMTES GmbH – A Three-Years Milestone in the European Market

Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering Service GmbH (AMTES GmbH) is poised to continue to build up and enhance its hangar maintenance operations at Leipzig/Halle airport. The 8,500 sq.m hangar facilities can accommodate one Boeing 747-size widebody or up to four Boeing 737/Airbus 320-size narrowbody aircraft at a time.



Since 2012, the company has successfully accomplished 70 A-checks on various aircraft types for customers such as AirBridgeCargo, Air Atlanta, and Cargo Air.

Over the last three years, a wheels shop has been established and repaired 800 wheels for AirBridgeCargo Airlines. The company's full-fledged scope of activities has been also added with advanced engine wash and aircraft structural repair services.

"We sustainably work on improving the quality of service and expanding our client base. Our performance achievements set a certain bar which has to be raised higher with each month. I thank all employees of the company for the accomplishments and encourage them to always look ahead and progress to new milestones," said Ildar Ilyasov, Managing Director of AMTES GmbH.

AMTES GmbH is a maintenance and repair service provider for Western build airplanes. The main operation base is in Leipzig/Halle Airport (LEJ), which hangar facility area is 8 500 square meters in total. There is one more line maintenance station operating in Frankfurt am Mein Airport ■

## It's an Ilyushin One-Two as Volga-Dnepr Operates Simultaneous Flights for Urgent Mobile Drilling Rigs

Volga-Dnepr Airlines has completed two simultaneous IL-76TD-90VD cargo flights to ensure the fastest possible delivery of urgent mobile drilling equipment for an oil and gas customer in Kuwait.

The flights from Liege in Belgium carried 16-ton mobile installations that drove into the cargo holds of the iconic ramp freighters under their own power for the deliveries to Al Kuwait.

"As the cargo was required in Kuwait urgently, we operated two flights to ensure all of the drilling equipment arrived at the same time as opposed to a single aircraft taking longer



to conduct both deliveries in sequence,” stated Rinat Akhmetov, Sales Executive at Volga-Dnepr UK.

Christopher Klein of the German logistics company Karpeles Flight Services GmbH, a subsidiary of Schenker AG, which requested the flights, said: “Seeing the two IL-76 freighters side-by-side in Liege was very eye-catching for everyone at the airport but the main objective was to meet our customers’ delivery time requirements and this solution with Volga-Dnepr ensured we did

that. Everything was great!”

Transporting equipment and materials for major customers in the oil and gas industry is one of Volga-Dnepr Airlines’ biggest areas of activity. Since the airline was founded in 1990, it has safely delivered over 90,000 tonnes of oil and gas cargoes all over the world using its unique fleet of 10 An-124-100 and five IL-76TD-90VD freighters ■

## Volga-Dnepr shares its 25-year experience in nuclear logistics at IAEA conference

**Delicate laser technology from Orebro in Sweden has arrived safely in Japan following six months of planning and preparation by the unique cargo transportation specialists at Volga-Dnepr Airlines.**

The high value industrial laser equipment required a non-standard engineering solution and a controlled temperature environment to complete its journey onboard one of Volga-Dnepr’s IL-76TD-90VD freighters.

“We first met with representatives of the customer, Scan Global Logistics in Denmark and Sweden, six months prior to the flight to discuss the placing and shoring of the cargo onboard the IL-76TD-90VD. The 21-ton shipment’s dimensions were 3.2m wide and 2.7m high so it was decided to transport the laser equipment in a special container with several holes that would enable us to moor the cargo in the aircraft,” said Alexey Stepanov, Leading Engineer at Volga-Dnepr Airlines.

In order to load the container, a special ramp extension was used that had been developed for use by Volga-Dnepr’s An-124-100 freighter to load aerospace equipment. Using the patented ramp extension enables cargoes to be loaded and unloaded within the shortest possible distance of the IL-76’s cargo door, improving speed and safety. The ramp equipment was delivered to Sweden from Leipzig, Germany, for the flight.

“This cargo was oversized and delicate and needed to be loaded and carried in a



temperature environment below 30° C. To meet these requirements, the loading process in Sweden was performed early in the morning, standing time during the maintenance stop in Krasnoyarsk was reduced to a minimum, and the aircraft remained closed while the maintenance team installed equipment to unload the container in Japan. Additionally, Volga-Dnepr organised ground air conditioning unit to maintain the correct temperature,” added Alexey Stepanov.

Ole Lyngshede Lund, Head of Department, Charter&Relief, at Scan Global Logistics, who accompanied the cargo, said: “The loading went very well and the cargo was offloaded in good order. We would like to thank Volga-Dnepr’s engineers, flight and technical crews for their dedicated work and a 100% professional job!”

The laser installation will be used by one of the enterprises producing industrial electronics in Japan ■

## Volga-Dnepr Delivers Oil Pump to-the-Door in Turkmenistan

**Volga-Dnepr Airlines has delivered an 11-ton oil and gas pump right to the door of a customer in the town of Farab, Turkmenistan.**

The oil production unit was transported from Maastricht Airport in the Netherlands on behalf of the airline’s customer Agility Projects Rotterdam. The pump was packed inside a two-ton wooden crate to protect it throughout its journey onboard one of Volga-Dnepr’s IL-76TD-90VD freighters and by road on arrival in Central Asia.

“Agility Projects Rotterdam asked us to not only organise the necessary permits for the flight to Mary International Airport but to also arrange the transportation of the oil and gas pump overland in Turkmenistan to Farab, where it is to be used,” commented

Alexander Kartashov, Sales Executive of Volga-Dnepr Airlines.

Azat Yakupov, Senior Engineer, Dangerous Cargo at Volga-Dnepr, added: “We didn’t have any difficulties loading the pump because we have been regularly carrying such oil and gas cargoes for customers for 25 years and have accumulated huge experience of delivering similar shipments. We loaded the cargo using a trailer and special cradles developed by Volga-Dnepr’s engineers to pull the cargo into the airplane using the aircraft’s rail system.”

The pump unit was manufactured by the U.S. organisation, one of the largest suppliers of industrial and environmental machinery ■

## Nuna Solar car takes flight with AirBridgeCargo to defend its world title in Australia

The Nuna Solar car started its journey to defend its world title in the World Solar Challenge 2015 in Australia onboard one of AirBridgeCargo Airlines' (ABC) scheduled Boeing 747 freighter flights from Amsterdam to Hong Kong.

The car was transported in a crate that had been specially designed for the journey, which contained both the vehicle, equipment and spare parts to support its participation in the event. The race starts in Darwin in Australia's Northern Territory and requires the vehicles taking part to drive 3,000 kilometres to the city of Adelaide in southern Australia. Members of the Nuon Solar Team of TU Delft were invited to get a close-up view of the cargo loading by AirBridgeCargo in Amsterdam.

After observing the loading, the Team said: "We were very pleased with the loading process and left the airport with full confidence that our precious vehicle will arrive in perfect condition in Hong Kong. After Hong Kong it will be transported Down Under to defend its world champion title."

The cargo was accompanied by Martijn Broers, Branch Manager, and Nathanja Stevens, Public Relations representative of CargoMasters BV, the forwarding company arranging the full logistics process on behalf of the Nuon Solar Team.

"We are proud to be partners of the Nuon Solar Team and to support an innovation that will shape the future of transport. We highly appreciate our customers' trust in the reliability of our services and wish them the best of luck in the race through Australia," said Henk-Jan van Keulen, ABC's General Manager in Amsterdam.

The World Solar Challenge commenced in 1987 to showcase the development of advanced automotive technology and promote alternatives to conventional vehicle engines. In 2015, the event starts in Darwin, Australia, on October 18th, and



will end in Adelaide on October 25th, concluding with the award ceremony for the winners.

Singapore changi airport welcomed the first abc non-stop flight (photo 16

On 3 September 2015 AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC) started non-stop flight operations from Moscow to Singapore with two weekly frequencies on Thursdays and Saturdays using Boeing 747 freighter airplanes with connection in Hong Kong and further with all global route network of the company.

This new special cargo service will boost trade development between Russia and Singapore and expand the range of products offered by AirBridgeCargo to the Asian market.

By the time of establishing such new service the Company has already been widely represented in the region providing connections for customers in China, Japan and South Korea with major cargo stations in Europe, USA and Russia. With the start of flights to Singapore, which became On-line Station N9 for ABC in Asia the carrier will provide more than 500 variants of shipments per week with 48 hours delivery time to include ground handling of cargo.

"We are happy to start non-stop flight operations to Changi Airport. By adding this route to our global network ABC will continue providing customers with wider choice of cargo delivery options by offering advance, reliable and quality service. Using the company's hub in

Moscow the Singapore customers will have an opportunity to ship their cargo to such destinations as Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Milan without the use of ground transport. Asia remains one of the key markets of AirBridgeCargo development and we seek further growth in this region", Robert van de Weg Vice President ABC for Marketing and Sales said.

James Fong the Assistant Vice President, Cargo & Logistics Development at Changi Airport Group welcomed arrival of the first non-stop ABC flight to Singapore and said: "This new AirBridgeCargo service is a significant event for Changi Airport, which gives new opportunities for development of trade relationships between Singapore and Moscow. The key players of cargo logistics market who earlier faced limited capacities flying between our two countries will from now on get access to transport of heavy and off-size shipments and thanks to hub operations in Moscow the Changi Airport connectivity with major cargo hubs in Europe and USA will only improve".

In terms of cargo turnover Changi Airport takes one of the world flagships. In first six-month period 2015 Changi Airport handled about 912 300 tons of cargo. During the same period the cargo traffic between Singapore and Moscow was 1034 tons. In the period from 2010 to 2014 the freight volume transported between Singapore and Russia demonstrated 16% average annual growth rate ■



## AMTES GMBH commences Air Atlanta Icelandic aircraft maintenance in Frankfurt



**Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering Service GmbH (AMTES GmbH), a member of Volga-Dnepr Technics Subgroup, started provision of MRO services for Boeing 747 fleet operated by Air Atlanta Icelandic (based in Iceland) at Frankfurt Airport, Germany.**

Full range of services including line maintenance, trouble shooting, component replacement and logistics support is provided at own maintenance facility in accordance with EASA Part-145 Certificate.

Ildar Ilyasov, Managing Director, Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering Service GmbH: "Engagement with Air Atlanta Icelandic is another successful step in AMTES GmbH development. I feel sure that cooperation with the new partner will be fruitful and profitable for both parties. We provide the company 24-hour technical support, highest quality of works and everything which is necessary to ensure successful company's operations. We are looking forward to long term cooperation with Air Atlanta Icelandic in accordance with our best traditions."

Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering Service GmbH is an organization providing MRO services for Russian and Western-built aircraft. The company holds Part-145, FAR-145 and AR-145 certificates. Main operation facility with 8,500 sq. m. hangar is located at Leipzig/Halle Airport, Germany. Also line maintenance station was launched at Frankfurt airport ■

## AMTES GmbH sponsors public events in Leipzig

**AMTES GmbH became a sponsor of two public events held in Leipzig and Schkeuditz in late June.**

The first event was devoted to celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Germany's oldest and largest school zoo at a primary school carrying Thomas Muntzer's name in Schkeuditz. The special event hosted about 500 people who enjoyed the celebration atmosphere enlivened with a tour around the zoo, active games and contests, and a festive table!

The second event – an international children's music festival – was held in Leipzig for the first time. It was attended by many people who came in families, including those from the local Russian-speaking community, to watch exciting performances of children's dance and music groups. The Vice Consul of Russia's Consulate General in Leipzig Mr. Dmitry Ulitin and representatives from the municipal administration and the Government of Saxony were honorary guests at the event.

"For many years of our presence in Germany, we have proven ourselves as a reliable aircraft MRO company that provides quality and prompt services. We want to be a modern company not only in terms of services, but in terms of social responsibility and, therefore, we are pleased to support the children's events in the region, in which we have been working for 5 years" said Ildar Ilyasov, Managing Director of AMTES GmbH ■

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