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We are glad to inform you that on November 21, 2016 the airline obtained a license from Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation for carrying out the activities of aviation equipment development, manufacture, testing and repair.

The license allows Volga-Dnepr Airlines to carry out a broad range of activities, including development of construction documentation,

technical monitoring during aviation equipment manufacture and repair, medium repair and current maintenance of aviation equipment and others.

The license is the first successful step for the airline towards obtaining an aviation equipment developer certificate that will allow Volga-Dnepr to maintain the operation of AN-124-100 aircrafts by themselves.

**DB SCHENKER BUYS A 'CARGO SUPERMARKET' SOLUTION TO DELIVER BALL VALVES FROM PERTH TO MILAN** 01/12/2017



**DB Schenker was the latest global logistics company to take advantage of Volga-Dnepr Group's 'Cargo Supermarket' service offering when it needed to deliver two ball valves from Australia to Italy for maintenance work.**

By choosing a combination of Volga-Dnepr's charter and scheduled cargo services, DB Schenker was able to meet its customer's time schedule and provide a highly cost efficient solution.

The delivery began in Perth in Western Australia when the valves, packed in wooden boxes, were loaded onboard one of the Group's IL-76TD-90VD freighters for a charter flight to Singapore. On arrival, they were transferred onto one of AirBridgeCargo Airlines' Boeing 747 scheduled cargo services to Milan-Malpensa Airport, close to where the valves were being sent for maintenance.

As well as requiring a fast delivery, the customer also requested a solution that reduced the number of loading/offloading procedures or the need for trucking between hubs to ensure the

safety and integrity of the cargo. Volga-Dnepr was able to satisfy both criteria, helped by the fact one of its IL-76TD-90VD freighters is positioned in the Asia Pacific region on a permanent basis. This not only enables a fast response for customers in the region, it also reduces aircraft repositioning costs for them.

The combination of an IL-76 charter to connect with AirBridgeCargo's scheduled 747F service ex Singapore worked perfectly for DB Schenker and its customer and was achieved using a single air waybill to reduce the level of documentation work.

Robert van de Weg, Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing at Volga-Dnepr Group, said: "This is another good example of how we are using the full capabilities of our Group to provide the best solutions for our customers, helping them to respond quickly to their own customers' requests and also deliver a cost efficient service. We are seeing growing demand for this type of solution, which is why we created our unique Cargo Supermarket service concept." ■

## OIL&GAS BUSINESS STILL STRONG FOR VOLGA-DNEPR AIRLINES

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**Volga-Dnepr Airlines is continuing to see an upturn in the movement of oil and gas cargoes, including its latest delivery of pump and vaporizer skids to Seoul, South Korea.**

Operated on behalf of Air Charter Service France for its customer, Heppner Transport & Logistics, one of Volga-Dnepr's An-124-100 freighters transported the cargo from Switzerland's EuroAirport Basle-Mulhouse Freiburg to Seoul's Incheon International Airport. The shipment, which included two pieces both weighing 19,500 kilos and two weighing 14,800kg each, was loaded using the An-124-100's onboard crane system.

The shipper prepared special wooden frames to fit underneath the 15-tonne pieces to help with the loading process, which took three hours to complete.

**Alexandre Busila, Cargo Director of Air Charter Service France, said:** "The loading of

this cargo needed meticulous preparation with the Volga-Dnepr Team. Thanks to our joint work the flight was a real success. This charter project shows that the O&G industry is still doing well."

Volga-Dnepr Airlines has over 26 years of experience of delivering heavyweight and outsize cargoes for customers in the oil&gas industry. To date, it has operated over 1,430 flights delivering over 94,000 tonnes of oil&gas shipments to Europe, Russia and the CIS, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East. Cargoes carried have included drilling equipment, pumps, power houses, blowout preventers, tube bundles, pipeline valves, compressors and heat exchangers ■

AIRBRIDGE CARGO CELEBRATES 1,000 FLIGHTS IN A YEAR MILESTONE IN AMSTERDAM AND FRANKFURT



**AirBridgeCargo Airlines' (ABC) growing fleet and network helped it exceed 1,000 Boeing 747 freighter flights at Amsterdam Schiphol and Frankfurt airports for the first time in 2016.**

AirBridgeCargo is now the largest all-cargo operator in Amsterdam and the second largest airline overall for tonnage after the national carrier. It is also the second biggest cargo carrier in Frankfurt.

ABC connects customers across the Netherlands and Germany and around the world to its global network in Europe, Scandinavia, North America and Asia via its hub in Moscow with point-to-point deliveries within 48 hours worldwide. These latest milestones mark another year of development for the airline, which has now achieved 13 consecutive years of tonnage growth. As well as expanding its Boeing 747 freighter fleet to 16 aircraft in 2016 with the arrival of its ninth new Boeing 747-8F,

AirBridgeCargo also launched a series of new routes, including Phnom Penh, Seattle, Heathrow and Oslo. More expansion of its scheduled cargo operations is planned in 2017.

Robert van de Weg, Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing said: "After the national carriers, we are now the largest cargo carrying airline in both Amsterdam and Frankfurt, which makes us proud. Exceeding 1,000 flights in a year at both airports not only shows our commitment to both countries, it demonstrates the level of support we are gaining from customers. We have operated more Boeing 747 freighter services from AMS and FRA in 2016 because of the level of demand and this growth in our volume is a reflection of our customers' confidence in our service levels. We wish to thank all of our customers and our local teams at both airports for helping us to reach these significant milestones at two of Europe's most important cargo gateways. We expect further growth in 2017." ■

## BOEING AND AIRBRIDGE CARGO AIRLINES ENTER INTO BOEING LANDING GEAR OVERHAUL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR 747 FREIGHTERS



### The Boeing Company announces signature of Boeing Landing Gear Overhaul and Exchange Program Agreement with AirBridge Cargo Airlines for support of the operator's Boeing 747 Freighters.

Under Boeing Landing Gear Overhaul and Exchange Program, the Russian air cargo carrier is to receive fully serviceable overhauled landing gears for its nine Boeing 747 Freighters. Additionally, there are certain arrangements in respect of 18 more Boeing 747 airplanes in the airline's fleet.

Boeing Landing Gear Overhaul and Exchange Program is a straightforward and efficient solution to control landing gear overhaul. Using the Program, parts that need repair or overhaul may be exchanged for a similar set of parts taken from Boeing's inventory, thus avoiding the need to enter into a separate contract and to plan and control the process of overhaul.

"Boeing Landing Gear Overhaul and Exchange Program is a one-stop solution for our freighter fleet which will enable us to maintain our airplanes in the required condition more efficiently and to continue to provide high-quality services to our customers worldwide," says Sergey Lazarev, AirBridge Cargo's CEO. "Cooperation under the Program is another step in the effort to sign a long-term cooperation agreement between Boeing and Volga-Dnepr Group that has been signed this year."

In July, Boeing and Volga-Dnepr Group entered into long-term cooperation agreement and also



announced that an arrangement was reached to look for potential opportunities for cooperation in the area of services.

"Boeing is proud to see the longstanding and successful cooperation with Volga-Dnepr to expand by way of provision of an efficient and reliable alternative to the purchasing of new lading gears and overhauling the equipment," says David Longridge, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Boeing Commercial Aviation Services.

AirBridge Cargo Airlines is the largest Russian air cargo carrier that operates scheduled air services connecting Asia and Europe, and also the Americas, across Russia. Flights are operated using freighters of Boeing 747 family carrying up to 130 tonnes of goods.

AirBridge Cargo is the first Russian all-cargo operator to launch air services with Boeing 747-8 Freighters. AirBridge Cargo's fleet currently includes 16 Boeing 747 airplanes, comprising four Boeing 747-400ERFs, three Boeing 747-400Fs and nine Boeing 747-8 Freighters.

Boeing is the global leader in provision of 24/7 support and services for the global airline industry. In addition to its spares supply business, Boeing offers the industry's widest range of services, including aircraft improvements and modifications, subscription maintenance programs, engineering support, crew training, route planning, crew operations management using digital solutions, in-depth data analysis and software intended for airlines and leasing companies to achieve a greater efficiency of their operations. ■

**NPO Strela thanks Volga-Dnepr Airlines for successful carriage of 70 tonnes of special equipment from Moscow (Zhukovsky Airport) to Khabarovsk on board An-124-100 aircraft**



**The expertise in operation of air services makes the airline able to complete the most difficult tasks to deliver various cargoes. Volga-Dnepr is a customer-oriented company whose employees always do their best to provide a comprehensive service to customer and handle most issues that may arise.**

Tells Sergey Bayushev, Lead Key Account Manager at Russia and CIS Sales: "We promptly made a detailed instruction manual for shipper to complete a set of documents necessary to cooperate with airport services in an efficient way. During the course of the operation, we provided overall coordination and communication with customer, and with airports of origin and final destination, and advised shipper on all arising matters. At the airports, we arranged for cargo handling equipment to be provided to customer."

"A very difficult task of carrying off-size equipment to a great distance with minimum involvement of customer and airport services could be successfully completed due to custom-tailored approach to the task, expertise of airline's representative Sergey Bayushev and well-coordinated actions of the crew and other airline's employees. We are very thankful to Volga-Dnepr Airlines for their effort and professionalism," writes customer in their letter of appreciation.

Volga-Dnepr's management also appreciated those airline's employees who contributed to the success of the operation.■

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