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Valeriy Gabriel, Vice President, Charter Cargo Operations Development, Volga-Dnepr Group:

I. What is the cost of AN-124-100 modernization program?

All works relating to AN-124-100 modernization may be divided in 3 stages subject to timeline and scope of works:

I. Ongoing modernization

Volga-Dnepr Group continuously implements AN-124-100 ongoing modernization program in order to ensure:

- 1) integration of modern equipment (e.g. Honeywell RDR-4000 Radar) to improve flight safety
- 2) replacement of those vendor items, which caused problems during operation and repair.

Cost of ongoing modernization program: approx. \$5-7 mln annually.

II. Timed modernization.

Avionics modernization to achieve compliance with already effective (in several regions) or pending (in major regions for our business) requirements.

The 3-year program involves over-all or partial fleet modernization.

Such modernization will enable the aircraft to operate till 2020 – 2025.

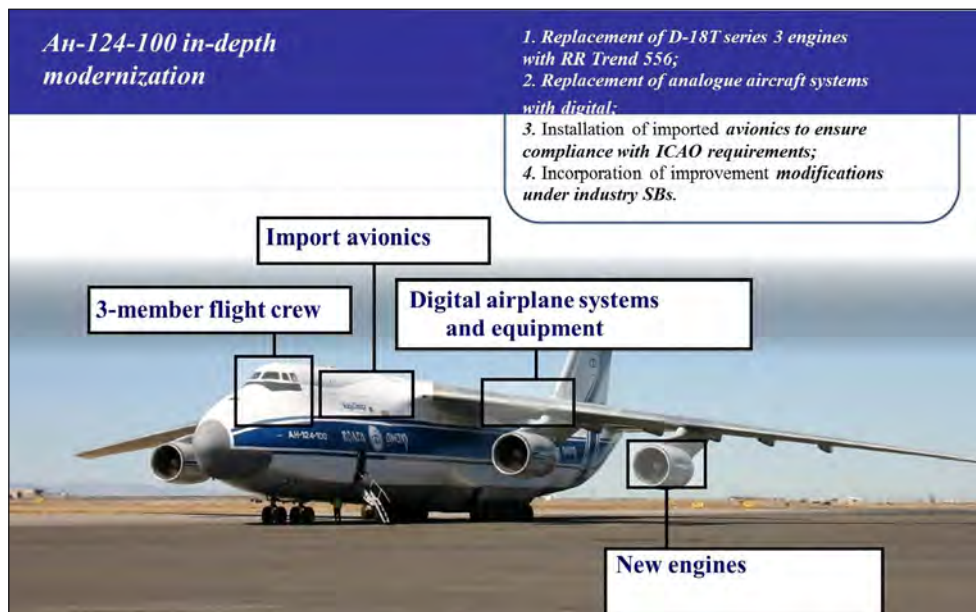
Cost of this program (for 10 aircraft) is approx. \$50 mln.

III. In-depth modernization.

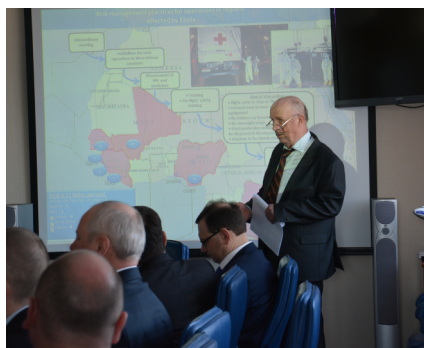
Avionics and engine modernization for compliance with the specifications coming into effect after 2020-2025, including noise and emission requirements. The program involves extensive use of western avionics (Rockwell Collins and Honeywell) and engines (Rolls-Royce). This modernization will allow us to extend aircraft service life up to 60 000 FH, which is considered as technically feasible.

After this modernization aircraft will be able to operate till 2037-2040.

Cost of modernization with Rolls-Royce engines: approx. \$1,4 bln for 10 aircraft.



• **Yuriy Malevinskiy**, Consulting Expert, Accident Prevention Department, Volga-Dnepr Group:



1. Were there any instances when Volga-Dnepr Group refused customer requests to operate flight to high-risk airports because Flight Safety System did not allow to operate such flight?

- Such cases are rare, but they happen. Usually flights to high risk airports are operated, but with higher safety measures. But sometimes it is impossible to reduce risk to an acceptable level. This is usually about regions with military conflicts.

2. If the risk increases acceptable level, what measures do you undertake? Do you provide training or any other measures?

- First of all we carry out special analysis to answer the question "Why?". And in accordance with such answer we establish appropriate measures. This may be additional training, special meeting or non-routine maintenance, etc. We also cooperate with organizations designing and manufacturing parts and components for our aircraft.

3. Are there any special aviation security procedures in relation to flights to Ebola-exposed countries?

- During flights to the countries exposed to Ebola we used standard aviation security measures, including continuous monitoring of political and military situation and terrorist activities in respective regions. Aviation security officers regularly participate in company's missions. But the most important among other things is aviation security training provided to crews, pre-flight instruction, and availability of special manuals and guidebooks on board.

Ebola does not involve terrorist threats. Here we pursued the objective to resolve medical issues.

4. Is ASAPP system developed by the Group internally or not?

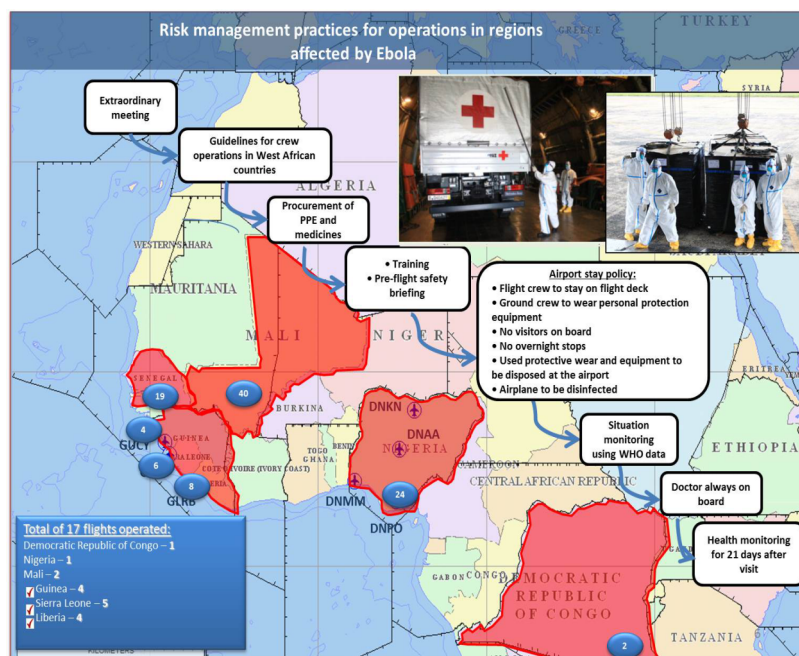
- Yes, it is our proprietary system.



• **Anna Popova**, Chief Physician, Healthcare Center, Volga-Dnepr Airlines:

1. Were there any Ebola cases in your company?

- There were no Ebola cases among company's personnel. Implemented safety measures eliminate risk of infection.



• **Igor Aksenov**, Director, Flight Department, Volga-Dnepr Airlines



1. Who carries out preflight preparation?

Preflight preparation during missions is carried out by pilot in command.

Such preparation begins at least 60 minutes before ETD and includes:

- medical control;
- border and customs clearance;
- preparation of flight documents;
- aircraft visual inspection before flight, flight deck preparation.

• **Sergey Lazarev**, General Director, AirBridgeCargo Airlines:



1. What nationality is foreign pilot in AirBridgeCargo?

- AirBridgeCargo Airlines employs four foreign pilots – 3 French and 1 German.

• **Vladimir Sherbakov**, Manager, Maintenance Department, Volga-Dnepr Airlines:



1. What is the area of hangars in Leipzig and Sharjah?

- The area of hangar in Leipzig is 10000 m², and hangar in Sharjah

is 15000 m²

2. Which maintenance services are provided to third parties?

The company cooperates with several South African and Asian airlines:

"Dick Aviation", "Sudan Aviation", "Air Atlanta", "Cam AIR", "Tadjik Air"...

-Currently VD Gulf is certified for:

AN-124-100, IL-76TD, IL-76TD-90VD, AN-74 scheduled maintenance.

Western-built aircraft:

B-737, 747; A-319/320 – up to A-check.

1) Technical diagnostics and non-destructive testing, engine boroscope inspection

2) Avionics maintenance and repair

3. Are there any maintenance bases in Ukraine?

- NO.

4. How training of new maintenance personnel is arranged?

1) Higher education in aviation

2) Aircraft type training subject to



program approved by Civil Aviation Education Organization of the Russian Federation.

3) Onsite maintenance training

4) Employees certification by certification commission

5) Permit for aircraft maintenance subject to qualification

Comments by **Galina Isaykina**, Director, Corporate Training Department



1. Is there a personnel training center at VD Group?

Yes. Corporate University is a centralized training and development system for VD Group personnel.

The system is oriented towards training successful employees meeting the requirements of both the Company and environment, prepared to implement strategic goals.

At present, the main activity trends of the Corporate University are personnel training arrangements, planning and analysis, assessment and development. The Corporate University is a key structure for accumulation, preservation, organization and dissemination of the existing knowledge and experience.

Here is some history. The demand for personnel training emerged as early as at the dawn of the Company in 1990. At that time, Soviet Pilots

started flying to foreign destinations and understood that an English language entry in the diploma and English in a foreign country are different things. Thus, a language training division was established at the Company.

It is worth noting that language training of personnel has remained essential at the Company until now, because the Company continues growing, and English has remained the main language of communication for the Company's multinational team.

In 2001, "Training Marathon" was launched at the Company for management personnel, first within the framework of "Corporate Saturdays", and then training became more regular and systematic at which time the training center was re-organized into Volga-Dnepr Group Corporate University.



In 2004, aviation training facility obtained certification by Russia Aviation Authorities and became Aviation Training Center (ATC). Over 3,000 aviation personnel annually take training programmes at ATC. Except for VD Group operating personnel, ATC doors are open to external both Russia- and foreign-based airlines or aviation organizations which value unique knowledge, experience and industry expertise by Volga-Dnepr Group.

We are proud of our instructing team. We understand that academic knowledge would be useless without implementation into operations. Except for staff Instructors, over eighty VD Group managers and leading personnel combining normal business with instructing activities give training classes at the Corporate University.

And this is only beginning

Volga-Dnepr Group Wins Air Cargo Industry Achievement Award for Development, Investment and 25 Years of Growth



Volga-Dnepr Group has won the Air Cargo Industry Achievement Award in the Air Cargo Week World Air Cargo Awards for its commitment to the development of air cargo, investment

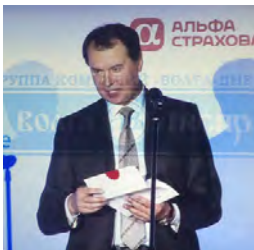
in new products and services, and consistent growth. More than 500 international air cargo industry leaders attended the awards dinner in Munich, Germany, which took place during the 2015 Air Cargo Europe/Transport Logistic exhibition and conference. Wolfgang Meier, Volga-Dnepr's Group Vice President for Marketing & Development, was presented with the winning trophy by Mark Whitehead, Chief Executive Officer of the award sponsor Hactl (Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Ltd).

"We are honoured that customers all over the world have enabled us to win this great award. We are very fortunate to work with so many outstanding customers and to have the opportunity

to share our expertise with them. We will continue to listen to their service requirements and always work to provide the best possible solutions. As we always say, our customers' success is our success," Wolfgang Meier said.

Dennis Gliznoutsas, Vice President, Sales at Volga-Dnepr, added: "We are proud to be able to use our expertise to help customers in so many industry sectors to make a positive difference all over the world. For example, the satellites we carry help to enhance global communications, the equipment we transport to help oil and gas customers to provide sustainable energy resources, and the heavy construction equipment that develops local infrastructure projects. And, of course, the fast response solutions we provide to bring urgently-needed help to countries affected by disease and natural disasters as we have most recently provided to West Africa to counter the Ebola outbreak and to Nepal to support victims of last month's earthquake. Despite challenges within the industry, we have continued to develop and invest in our business so that today, our 'cargo supermarket' service portfolio enables us to offer our customers a unique choice of scheduled and charter air cargo services as well as specialist engineering and logistics solutions, and this award demonstrates the broader value we now add in the global supply chain."

VOLGA-DNEPR GROUP WINS TOP INDUSTRY AWARD FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF RUSSIAN AIR TRANSPORT



Volga-Dnepr Group has been honoured with a special award to mark its 'Contribution to the development of Russian air transport' in the annual Wings of Russia Awards to recognise excellence in commercial air transport.

Sergey Shklyanik, Senior Vice President of Volga-Dnepr was presented with the Group's award at a ceremony in

Moscow by Valery Okulov, Russia's Deputy Minister of Transport. This is the first time the Wings of Russia Awards has included a category to acknowledge a company's outstanding contribution to the development of Russian aviation. The new award comes as

Volga-Dnepr prepares to celebrate the 25th anniversary of its first commercial flight.



"Over all these years, our company has worked to boost the level of service for our customers and to be recognised as a distinguished Russian corporation in the international market. We encouraged every contribution from our employees to the company's development, and we are very excited to receive this highest award in the year of Volga-Dnepr's 25th anniversary" — said Sergey Shklyanik.

This is the thirteenth Wings of Russia award to be presented to the Group. Its charter airline, Volga-Dnepr Airlines, the world's largest transporter of unique, outsize and heavy-weight air cargo, and AirBridgeCargo Airlines, one of the world's fastest-growing scheduled cargo airlines, have previously won the 'Airline of the Year - Cargo Carrier on Domestic and International Routes' award.

Volga-Dnepr Airlines has been honoured seven times and AirBridgeCargo on four occasions since the awards began in 1997. Volga-Dnepr Group's most recent award, prior to this latest success, came in 2013 when it won the 'Best Business Project in Russian Civil Aviation' category.





VOLGA-DNEPR MOVES EXPRESS AM7 AND AM8 SATELLITES TO BAIKONUR COSMODROME FOR LAUNCH

Volga-Dnepr Airlines delivered the Russian telecommunications satellites Express AM7 and Express AM8 to the Baikonur Cosmo-drome launch site in Kazakhstan.



The AM7 satellite has been successfully launched today, on March 19, and the AM8 satellite is scheduled for launch on April 6.

Flights carrying the satellites operated from Toulouse in France and from the Russian city of Krasnoyarsk using a special shipping container to safely transport the cargoes onboard Volga-Dnepr Airlines' An-124-100 freighter. To keep the delicate and highly-precise equipment safe, Volga-Dnepr's experts ensured the cargo hold was maintained at very specific pressure and temperature levels throughout the flights, and the flight also operated at a lower altitude of 32,000 feet. Special loading equipment developed by the airline was also used to ensure safe loading and offloading.

The Express AM7 and AM8 satellites have been manufactured on behalf of the Russian Satellite Communications Company. Express AM7 was made in France by Airbus DS, while the AM8 satellite was built by the Reshetnev Company in Russia, a leading



manufacturer of information satellite systems. The telecommunications satellites will provide high quality landline and mobile telephone services and also support digital video and radio broadcasting, high-speed Internet access (HSIA) and data transmission.

In 2014, aerospace cargoes represented 42% of Volga-Dnepr Airlines' charter business, growing by 50% year-on-year. Volga-Dnepr delivers one in three of all satellites in the world. In 2015 to date, the airline has operated seven flights delivering space equipment.





Siemens, the global technology powerhouse, is the latest business to utilise the door-to-door expertise of Volga-Dnepr Group's Engineering & Logistics Centre (ELC) to manage the movement of a 50-ton rotor to Mumbai, India, under the international framework agreement between the two companies.

To plan for the transportation, the ELC team conducted an engineering study to confirm it was technically possible to carry the cargo onboard one of Volga-Dnepr's An-124-100 freighters. This included assessing and approving the specially-designed transport skid onto which the rotor would be mounted to facilitate the loading and offloading process, and ensure its safe delivery. The charter flight to India was contracted under the Ruslan International An-124 joint venture.

SIEMENS USES VOLGA-DNEPR'S ENGINEERING & LOGISTICS CENTRE FOR DOOR-TO-DOOR DELIVERY OF 50-TON ROTOR FROM GERMANY TO INDIA

ELC experts managed the transportation of the rotor from its manufacturing plant in Muelheim, Germany, to Leipzig/Halle Airport, taking care of all the arrangements for trucking, including obtaining special road permits. At the departure airport, ELC was responsible for all of the essential procedures prior to commencing the loading and this included terminal cargo handling and customs services. In Mumbai and Leipzig, members of the ELC team organised mobile cranes for loading and offloading the cargo.

Steve Downing, Project Manager for the Engineering and Logistics



Center (ELC), Volga-Dnepr Group, said: "Siemens is a very important and longstanding customer of Volga-Dnepr and we enjoy a very good partnership. On this occasion, working with our ELC team meant Siemens was able to call upon our 25 years of engineering and logistics expertise to achieve a seamless delivery from Germany to the rotor's operating site in Mumbai, and feel confident that we were taking care of everything they needed to ensure the cargo arrived safely and on schedule. This shipment is a good example of why we created ELC to help customers with their most complex transportation challenges."

AIRBRIDGECARGO ADDS VIETNAM TO ITS FREIGHTER NETWORK WITH NEW HANOI SERVICES

AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC) is extending its global network to Vietnam with the launch of twice-weekly freighter services from Hanoi, starting on 1 April, 2015.

The flights depart Hanoi every Wednesday and Saturday bound for ABC's hub at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport via Hong Kong. From Moscow, the flight connects to AirBridgeCargo destinations in Europe and the United States.

The Asian market has grown into the key market for ABC and this development is continuing in 2015. Since ABC's first flight from the region in 2004 it has increased its market presence in the area by providing reliable services to meet its customers' growing needs from major markets such as Hong Kong and China, Japan and Korea.

"AirBridgeCargo believes that entering the Vietnamese market comes as a logical next step in developing the strategically important Asian market. For decades the world has witnessed how Asia has transformed into the world's largest

manufacturing power, while it has also become one of the largest global consumer markets. Vietnam's market development is another bright example of the region's strength

and continued potential and we are excited to start serving our customers there. We are confident that the new Hanoi service will complement our existing network and that this will benefit our clients," said Robert van de Weg, ABC's Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing.

"Development of point-to-point delivery with our hub model in Moscow will provide

our customers with numerous delivery solutions to the major cities in Europe and the United States. Hanoi is our 8th online station in Asia and we aim to become a trustworthy partner that will benefit the Vietnamese airfreight industry for both exports and imports. We believe that opening services from Hanoi will bring us new opportunities and challenges, and our team is ready for them," added Joanna Li, ABC's APAC Vice President.



IATA RENEWS VOLGA-DNEPR AIRLINES' OPERATIONAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE FOR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE TIME



Volga-Dnepr Airlines, the world's largest carrier of unique, outsize and heavy-weight air cargo, has successfully renewed its IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) certificate for the fifth time.

The certification audit process included compliance checks to meet 834 IOSA requirements and was conducted by representatives of Quali-audit (France). They performed a detailed review and inspection of Volga-Dnepr Airlines' key areas of activity, including its management system, aviation security, flight operations, aircraft maintenance, cargo operations and ground handling.

IOSA registration has to be revalidated every two years. For its next audit in 2017, Volga-Dnepr and all airlines going through the process will be measured against an extended list of standards introduced by IATA.

The IATA Operational Safety Audit is recognised globally as the leading industry standard for airline safety. In 2007, Volga-Dnepr Airlines was the first company in Russia and the CIS and only the second cargo airline in the world to be certified for its compliance with the then new version of IATA's safety standards.

Volga-Dnepr Airlines has validated the first seven airports in compliance with European Commission aviation security regulations for cargo operating into the EU from non-EU countries.

The airline organised for an independent auditor trained by IATA and accredited by the EU to confirm the ACC3 validation status for airports in New Delhi, India, Al Maktoum and Fujairah in the UAE, Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore in Pakistan, and Ankara in Turkey. It is also in the process of confirming the ACC3 status of Sharjah Airport in the UAE, which will be followed by Cairo, Egypt, and Astana in Kazakhstan.

Expert, Relations with International Aviation Security Organizations, Volga-Dnepr Airlines.

"There is no doubt that for the charter operations of Volga-Dnepr Airlines the implementation of the EU regulations and the validation process in particular is a little different to when the same process is carried out by scheduled airlines," added Andrey Kocherga, Deputy Director, Aviation Security Department. "First of all, Volga-Dnepr aircraft operate flights to almost all airports in the world and we can fly cargo into Europe from any of these. That means the number of airports Volga-Dnepr is required to validate is much larger than for most scheduled carriers.

VOLGA-DNEPR BEGINS VALIDATING ACC3 STATUS OF GLOBAL AIRPORTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH EU AVIATION SECURITY REGULATIONS

In 2012, the EU aviation authorities unilaterally tightened aviation security regulations forcing airlines in a number of countries flying cargo and mail into the EU from so-called "third country airports" to assume a number of special responsibilities. These included strict implementation of the regulations as well as the accomplishment of certain measures. These measures involve the development and further approval by the supervising service in the EU of the Aviation Security Programme, which must contain data for the airports from which flights to the EU are operated, and the detailed description of the airport infrastructure in respect of cargo and mail operations. The responsibilities also cover the signing of a "Declaration of Commitments" concerning the Programme and the arrangement of audits conducted by independent EU validators. Air carriers can only obtain ACC3 status by meeting all of the set requirements.

"Much work has been done by Volga-Dnepr Airlines since 2012. We arranged a series of meetings with the German Federal Aviation Office (LBA), one of the EU organisations supervising Volga-Dnepr, and have developed the required Security Programme with the creation of a roadmap of the airports from which the company carries cargo into Europe," said Ekaterina Lukyanova, Lead

Also, of course, our roadmap is dynamic and changes according to the requirements of our customers so the number of airports can increase or decrease. Our progress as a leading Russian company carrying out these validations has also encouraged some other major air carriers to ask for our professional advice."



By 2018 Volga-Dnepr Airlines should carry out validation of 19 airports — three airports a year since 2015. The ACC3 status of each airport is valid for five years. When operating a flight from non-validated airport the Airline should obtain a flight permission according to normal procedures.

AIRBRIDGECARGO STARTS 2015 WITH 20% GROWTH IN TONNAGE

AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC) has reinforced its position as one of the world's fastest-growing cargo airlines by reporting a 20% increase in tonnage for the first quarter of 2015, continuing the trend set by previous years.

In the January 1-March 31 period this year, ABC carried 103,816 tonnes across its international route network connecting customers in Europe, the United States and Asia Pacific through its hub in Moscow.

Denis Ilin, Executive President of AirBridgeCargo, said: "20% growth of tonnage and 28% growth of FTK is a solid first quarter performance. The successful teamwork and continuous implementation of our customer-based long-term strategy made it possible to achieve such good operating results. Our route network development is based upon a quick reaction to changing customer demand and our flexibility, together with the reliability of our service levels, has enabled us to gain their growing support. Adding more capacity at the beginning of 2015 allowed us to maintain and even improve our leading positions in our core markets in Europe, the U.S. and Asia by increasing frequencies out of

these regions and opening new on-line stations. In January 2015 we started operations in Helsinki, and since the commencement of our summer schedule, we have also launched Los Angeles and Hanoi services ahead of our initial business plan targets."

By adding new destinations and improving connectivity with its Moscow hub, ABC is able to offer an increased choice of delivery solutions for its international customers. At present the airline operates scheduled flights to 26 destinations in 14 countries using its enlarged fleet of 14 Boeing 747 family aircraft. ABC continues to invest in human resources and has increased the number of its own sales teams, which now provide local support to customers in 20 major cities worldwide.

"Together with our vigorous development, we are also focused on cost efficiency by optimisation of our network via hub business model, internal processes and cost management. Thus we have achieved a 20% reduction in operational costs per landing for the first quarter of this year," added Igor Telpukhovskiy, ABC's Chief Financial Officer. For 2015 ABC plans to continue investment in its fleet, service quality, route network and its international team of professionals, alongside its strong focus on cost management and process optimisation.



VOLGA-DNEPR EXPECTS AN-124 PAINT JOB TO PRODUCE FUEL SAVINGS OF \$100,000 A YEAR PER AIRCRAFT

One of Volga-Dnepr Airlines' unique An-124-100 freighters has been painted using a leading coating technology to increase the aircraft's aerodynamic qualities and produce a fuel saving of over \$100,000 a year.

Vladimir Drebnov, Senior Engineer, Continuing Airworthiness at Volga-Dnepr Airlines, stated: "The Base coat/clear coat system is widely used on aircraft around the world. The facial layer of the glaze is considered to have greater smoothness than, for example, polyurethane enamel, and protects the base layer of painting from the influence of ultra-violet rays. Due to this smoother effect, the air drag during a flight decreases



and this can be measured in terms of fuel savings. As a result of using the coating, we expect to cut the aircraft's fuel expenses by up to 1.5% or more than \$100 000 per year. The Base coat/clear coat system also gives a freshly painted look for a longer period so it also produces a saving in paint work too. The periods between washing of the aircraft can also be extended because the lacquer is more soil-resistant."

The aircraft (RA82079) will be monitored by Volga-Dnepr's technical experts to gauge the level of fuel savings. If the technology demonstrates the results the airline is hoping for, it will ultimately be applied to the rest of Volga-Dnepr's An-124-100 fleet.

The painting of the aircraft was completed by Spectr-Avia, Russia's leading aircraft painting centre.



AIRBRIDGECARGO WINS PRESTIGIOUS ALL-CARGO AIRLINE OF THE YEAR AWARD



AirBridgeCargo Airlines' (ABC) has earned the prestigious 'All-Cargo Airline of the Year Award' at the 32nd annual Cargo Airline of the Year ceremony, voted for by air cargo customers around the world.

The winners in all of the award categories were decided in a worldwide poll of Air Cargo News' 50,000 global readers, who were invited to vote online for the airlines in global and regional markets.

Top international air cargo, logistics and supply chain executives gathered in London for the 2015 awards ceremony, organised by Air Cargo News.

Denis Ilin, Executive President of AirBridgeCargo Airlines, part of Volga-Dnepr Group, said: 'We are proud to be recognized for our commitment to service excellence, and on behalf of everyone in ABC I would like to thank our customers for their outstanding support. I would also like to thank the entire ABC team around the world for their enthusiasm, dedication and hard work to meet our clients' needs and expectations. We consider this to be a great honour to be ranked first alongside the world's top all cargo airlines.'

This is not the first time ABC has been recognized by its customers and industry representatives. It has won the 'Cargo Carrier of the Year on International and Domestic Routes' award in the annual Wings of Russia ceremony for four consecutive years. In Asia, the airline was presented with the 'Best All-Cargo Carrier' prize in the 2014 Asian Freight and Supply Chain Awards and, in Europe, it received the 'Best Cargo Airline' trophy in 2014 in the Golden Chariot awards, presented in Berlin.



VOLGA-DNEPR DELIVERS ENGINEERING AND LOGISTICS SOLUTION TO MOVE WELLHEAD CONTROL PANEL AND HYDRAULIC POWER UNIT TO SINGAPORE

A wellhead control panel and hydraulic power unit with a combined weight of 17 tonnes has been delivered by Volga-Dnepr Airlines to Singapore in conjunction with leading oil & gas project logistics forwarder 'Pentagon Freight Services'.

The WCP and HPU form part of the contract awarded by Det norske to SMOE, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sembcorp Marine for the engineering, procurement and construction of the process, drilling and quarters platform (PDQ) topside to be installed in the Ivar Aasen development in the North Sea.

One of Volga-Dnepr's IL-76TD-90VD freighter aircraft operated the flight to Singapore from Stavanger in Norway.

The flight called upon the expertise of Volga-Dnepr's Engineering and Logistics Centre (ELC) who conducted site surveys in Stavanger to determine safe stowage compliance of both

units, which involved the manufacturing of additional restraining points. The ELC project team produced technical drawings, road transportation, crane services and customs formalities to provide a seamless movement of cargo from factory to aircraft. The entire operation was conducted under the vigilance of Pentagon's representatives from London and Stavanger.

Gary Provins from Pentagon's Head office in the UK who supervised the loading said the flight with Volga-Dnepr went according to plan. He stated: "Everything went perfectly in terms of all of the planning, co-ordination and operations in Stavanger, and in terms of all the build-up work required to get to that stage. It has certainly demonstrated to us what Volga-Dnepr can offer and we look forward to more cooperation in the future. The latest flight with Volga-Dnepr was the first whereby Pentagon outsourced "value added services" to Volga-Dnepr's Engineering & Logistics Centre".



VOLGA-DNEPR RACES AID TO NEPAL EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Volga-Dnepr has delivered 45 tons of humanitarian cargo on behalf of the Norwegian Red Cross to help earthquake victims in Nepal.

A Rapid Deployment Emergency Hospital with surgical capacity and 60 beds was transported from Oslo, Norway, to Kathmandu over two flights in the first week of May using Volga-Dnepr's IL-76TD-90VD freighter aircraft.

Volga-Dnepr expects to operate further relief flights to Nepal, which suffered a devastating earthquake at the end of April. The 7.8 magnitude earthquake has impacted more than 8,000,000 people in Nepal and adjoining countries in Bangladesh, China and India.



Over the last 25 years, Volga-Dnepr has performed more than 1,000 humanitarian flights onboard its AN-124-100 and IL-76TD-90VD fleet. Volga-Dnepr Airlines has been called upon to provide a fast response for the delivery of humanitarian cargo for major disasters all over the world, including help for tsunami victims in the Southeast Asia (2004) and those affected by Hurricane Katrina in the USA (2005), the eruption of the Chaiten Volcano in Chile (2008), earthquakes in Haiti (2010) and Turkey (2011), typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines (2013), and the Ebola outbreak in West Africa (2014).

CHAPMAN FREEBORN AND VOLGA-DNEPR DELIVER URGENT OUTSIZE PART TO KEEP OIL FACILITY OPEN



Chapman Freeborn Airchartering and Volga-Dnepr Airlines have helped to keep a key oil facility open by delivering a time-critical outsize part from Switzerland to Brazil.

A 28-ton rotor was flown from Zurich (ZRH) to Salvador (SSA) on a Volga-Dnepr Ilyushin-76TD-90VD freighter aircraft, chartered by Chapman Freeborn on behalf of an oil and gas industry client.

With the plant facing closure until the replacement part could be delivered, specialists at Chapman Freeborn's Sro Paulo office co-ordinated the time-critical operation which required special exemptions to allow for customs clearance during the weekend.

Assisted by Chapman Freeborn colleagues in Europe and Volga-Dnepr's professional loadmasters, the outsize equipment was carefully loaded into the aircraft using a 100-ton crane hired in for the project.

Maria Faria, country manager at Chapman Freeborn Brazil, said: "Our charter team was working on an extremely tight timescale and we're delighted to have successfully executed the operation for our client. I would also like to thank Volga-Dnepr for its support in making the timely delivery possible."

"Thanks to our exceptional teamwork we managed to resolve another challenge for the benefit of one of our key and longstanding customers. As the ad hoc transportation expert Volga-Dnepr provided the tailored solution to satisfy the customer's needs: we promptly made flight arrangements, performed single-piece cargo loading and unloading using our specially designed in-house tooling" — commented Alexander Kartashov, Key Account Executive, Volga-Dnepr Airlines.



Airbus Defence & Space, SDV Logistics and Volga-Dnepr Group Sign Contract to Transport Aerospace Equipment until 2017

Volga-Dnepr Group, the world's largest carrier of unique, outsize and heavyweight air cargo, Airbus Defence & Space (Airbus DS), a division of Airbus Group, and international logistics company, SDV, have signed a framework agreement for the global transportation of aerospace equipment until 2017.

Under the newly-signed three-way contract, Volga-Dnepr will perform deliveries of space vehicles and satellite equipment manufactured by Airbus DS to launch sites in French Guiana, Japan, Kazakhstan and the United States of America. Flights from and to Europe will be operated by Ruslan International, the An-124-100 freighter joint venture between Volga-Dnepr and Antonov Airlines. Volga-Dnepr UK will conduct deliveries from and to Russia, coordinated from its London Stansted base and using both the An-124 and modernised IL-76TD-90VD freighters in its fleet.

Dmitry Grishin, Sales Director of Volga-Dnepr UK, said: "The agreement determines a schedule of space equipment transportation services approved by Airbus DS, SDV

and Volga-Dnepr for a period of up to 18 months as well as flexible and transparent pricing to support the creation of a stronger partnership between the three parties. Volga-Dnepr will also provide its partners with engineering audit services and offer ultimate engineering solutions for the loading/offloading and transportation of satellites, based on their individual characteristics. This builds on our longstanding cooperation with both SDV Logistics and Airbus DS and is designed to simplify the way we work together and produce measurable benefits for all parties."

Volga-Dnepr Group is one of the world's leading providers of transportation services to the aerospace industry and works with industry leaders all over the world. It also has framework agreements with: United Launch Alliance, a joint venture between Lockheed Martin and Boeing; Thales Alenia Space, a French-Italian aerospace company; Bombardier, a Canadian multinational manufacturer in the aerospace and transportation sector; and Sukhoi Superjet, Russia's major aircraft holding company.



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