

## Press Release

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### Ethiopian Airlines relocates its cargo activities to Liege Airport

Liège, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 - Ethiopian Airlines has relocated its cargo activities to Liege Airport and since the beginning of June its full cargo flights have been flying out of Liège.

Ethiopian Airlines operates 6 to 10 flights weekly, essentially in the daytime, and mainly carries flowers intended for the major flower auctions. "The lower operating costs at Liege Airport make their operations more profitable", explains Eric Gysen, Liege Airport's Cargo Sales Manager.

The transfer of their cargo operations from Brussels to Liège went extremely smoothly thanks to the operational flexibility of Liege Airport, Aviapartner Liège, their handling agent, and LHS, their warehouse manager. "The speed with which customs formalities and plant health inspections are carried out, as well as the specialized handling services, were the things that in particular led to Ethiopian Airlines' decision to operate their flights out of Liège," commented Luc Partoune, Liege Airport's Managing Director.

For Liege Airport, these operations mean an increase in traffic of 50,000 tonnes per year and strengthen Liege Airport's specialization in the area of perishable goods. This special sector represents 20% of the cargo traffic that goes through Liege Airport.

#### About Liege Airport:

Liege Airport, 8<sup>th</sup> cargo airport in Europe, continues the expansion of all its activities. The tonnage that passed through Liege Airport in 2007 came to 489,870 tonnes, representing an increase of 20.5% as compared with 2006. Passenger activity, in its turn, increased by 8.24% in 2007 as compared with 2006, and reached 332,848 passengers. 23 destinations are being offered this summer from Liege Airport. Thanks to its new **Cargo City Nord** zone, a zone 100% dedicated to handling air freight, Liege Airport is able to accommodate new operators and new airlines. [www.liegeairport.com](http://www.liegeairport.com)

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