

Volga-Dnepr Group and CargoLogicAir to strengthen their European operations through Memorandum of Understanding on Strategic Cooperation with Liege Airport

Volga-Dnepr Group (VDG), one of the leading group of air freight carriers, and its strategic partner CargoLogicAir (CLA), the British all-cargo carrier, have inked a Memorandum of Understanding on Strategic Cooperation with Liege Airport, one of the fastest developing European airports, with the aim to strengthen their positions in the European market through development of a regional hub and enhancement of freighter capacity.

Within the next three to five years the three parties will join their efforts in establishing a regional hub for VDG and CLA freighter operations with the provision of efficient cargo handling for up to 30 cargo flights per week, including for special cargoes which are of high demand among their customers. All the flights will be supported by maintenance facilities to be organized on the airport's premises.

Liege airport, which has been favored by many cargo carriers recently, will support both companies in opening up new routes and establishing the communication channel with competent government authorities for smooth operations both with other comingled airports of Europe, as well as worldwide. On top of this, Liege Airport will provide VDG and CLA with sufficient ground handling, warehousing and office areas for smooth coordination and operation of freighter flights.

"I wish to thank Liege Airport for their enthusiasm and teamwork. This has helped us to reach this agreement so quickly, and will create new opportunities for our customers worldwide by guaranteeing more smooth, seamless, and efficient delivery options", highlighted Alexey Isaykin, President of Volga-Dnepr Group.

David Kerr, Chief Executive Officer of CargoLogicAir said: *"The development of a European hub in Liege will support our existing network, boost our cargo services, covering major catchment areas of Europe for the convenience of our customers. We will be able to guarantee high-end services based on reliable partnership with Liege airport, which is not only one of the most cargo-friendly airports, but also shows significant steps of development in air cargo handling – the area of paramount importance for carriers which aim for quality, speed, and safety".*

An additional capacity of 300,000 Tonnes !

Luc Partoune, Chief Executive Officer of Liege Airport said : *'Liege Airport is looking forward to growing the cooperation with all members of the Volga-Dnepr Group and its strategic partner. We believe that, each on our level, both Liege Airport and VD Group are investing in cargo, and are focused on cargo and logistics 100%.*

From LGG point of view, the AirBridgeCargo hub adds 23,000 m² first line warehouse, 4,000 m² offices, and an additional capacity of approximately 300,000 tonnes. The development of the airport outpaces the actual investments plan. Being the Flexport, and with investments fully focused on addition cargo capacity, we are happy to adapt to the demands".

The #freightersfirst policy of Liege Airport and the already impressive operation, enforced by the announcement of additional freighter capacity, support each other. VD Group and Liege Airport share the cargo DNA and we are looking forward to a successful future.”

The joint work will be organized through working project groups to strengthen communication and negotiation, discuss and finalize the cooperation details, work out specific programs, and carry out the regular review to drive implementation of relevant measures.

About Volga-Dnepr Group

Volga-Dnepr Group (VDG) is the world leader in the market of oversized and super-heavy cargo transportation. For over 28 years, it has been transforming the transport and logistics concept, providing its customers with timely, reliable and cost-efficient solutions for even the most complex cargo projects for various industries, including aerospace, oil and gas, automotive, energy, and others. By choosing Volga-Dnepr, global organizations know they are working with a team of professionals that will ensure they can keep the promise they have made to their own customers. Presently, Volga-Dnepr Group consists of three independent airlines - Volga-Dnepr Airlines, AirBridgeCargo Airlines, and Atran airlines, with supporting businesses in leasing, insurance, MRO, trucking, and training areas. VDG provides the most efficient logistics solutions to the market by using its unique fleet of 41 ramp and non-ramp aircraft and operating charters (on board An-124, Il-76 for oversized and super heavy cargoes, on board Boeing 747F and Boeing 737F for general and special cargoes, including temperature-sensitive, dangerous goods, oversize and heavy, live animals, e-commerce); scheduled flights for all types of cargo in accordance with existing network on board B747F and B737F; and providing customized logistics solutions for oversize and heavy cargo, embracing all stages of transportation process – consulting, design&manufacture of special loading frames, packaging advice and support, organization of multi-modal services, obtaining of airport permits and approvals, ground handling arrangements. The Group and its companies have been awarded with industry awards for its high level of quality performance and growth, both at national and international levels. For more information: <https://www.volga-dnepr.com>

About CargoLogicAir

CargoLogicAir, Ltd. (CLA) is a British all-cargo airline with its headquarters in the London Heathrow Airport. It received its Air Operator's Certificate (AOC) from the UK Civil Aviation Authority in December 2015 and commenced operations soon after. The airline's fleet of three Boeing aircraft operates scheduled and chartered services on routes between the UK, Asia, Africa and Americas. For more information: <http://www.cargologicair.com>

About Liege Airport

Liege Airport, Belgium's biggest cargo airport, is the most specialized cargo platform in the heart of the Amsterdam-Paris-Frankfurt golden triangle. Having a product-driven development strategy it positions itself as the easy in & out cargo hub for Central Europe. Specialized in express freight, e-commerce, pharmaceutical and perishables products, as well as in live animals, each specific procedure guarantees the fastest throughput time on the market. Liege Airport, the Flexport® is less than one day by truck from the largest European cities, thus reaching around 400 million consumers. Besides offering an uncongested 24/7 operational airport it also offers the advantage of an excellent, uncongested motorway network. For more information: www.liegeairport.com