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VOLGA-DNEPR GULF GAINS APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES ON AN-124 AND IL-76

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In April 2016, Volga-Dnepr Gulf, part of Volga-Dnepr Technics subgroup, completed all necessary procedures and received a Certificate of Conformance to Russian AP-145 requirements of Interstate Aviation Committee to perform service bulletin modifications on AN-124-100 and IL-76TD-90VD type aircraft.

This certificate was supplemented by an approved list of components for above mentioned aircraft allowing Volga-Dnepr Gulf to perform routine maintenance and inspections of these components.

“Obtaining this AP-145 certificate is a key step to implement the Group strategy to support modernization of Volga-Dnepr Airlines’ AN-124-100 freighters. Our experience enables us to carry out the agreed scope of works to the highest standard and in a timely manner, providing immediate support to our customers. For this we have all the things needed, specifically modern MRO facilities at Sharjah airport, highly skilled professionals, optimized operating procedures, and established partnership relations,”

said Viktor Sherin, Managing Director of Volga-Dnepr Gulf.

Volga-Dnepr Gulf is based in Sharjah, UAE and operates a maintenance organization since 1996. In 2013, the Company built an advanced hangar facility of approximately 22,000 square meter area, designed to facilitate airplane maintenance and repair services. The hangar is capable of accommodating six narrow body (B737/A320 size) or two wide body aircraft (B747 or AN-124-100 size) simultaneously. The hangar is complemented with all required tools and equipment for quality maintenance (up to C-checks) of various types of aircraft, and is fitted with cutting edge air conditioning and fire protection systems. The hangar also has fully equipped areas for structure and wheel repair. Volga-Dnepr Gulf is a holder of EASA Part 145 approval certificate. Currently Volga-Dnepr Gulf is qualified to provide maintenance services on B744, B737NG, B737 CL and Airbus A320 family aircraft. In addition VD Gulf is approved to support Russian aircraft models including IL-76 and AN-124 ■

VOLGA-DNEPR COMPLETES URGENT CABLE SPOOL DELIVERY TO OFFSHORE GAS DRILLING VESSEL IN BULGARIA

01.06.2016

Volga-Dnepr Airlines was quick to respond to a customer's request to move a 30-tonne shipment, including a 25-tonne cable spool, from Maastricht in the Netherlands to Varna, Bulgaria, to urgently replace failed equipment on the Noble Globetrotter II drilling vessel developing an offshore gas field.

The entire contracting process took just three days from receiving the flight inquiry to completing the delivery.

Transportation of the spool onboard one of Volga-Dnepr's IL-76TD-90VD aircraft required a bespoke engineering solution and involved special tooling manufactured in the Netherlands. Additional loading equipment, along with a relief flight crew, was brought to Maastricht by another IL-76TD-90VD the day before, which helped to expedite the contracted flight without delay.

"The customer's prime objective was to deliver

the cargo before the ship's scheduled exit from the Black Sea port of Varna. Working within this tight timeframe, we managed to order a crane to load the cargo in Maastricht, obtain a Dutch flight permit in three hours instead of the standard three days and, despite it being a weekend, promptly arrange the necessary papers to fly into Bulgaria. This was all thanks to the well-coordinated efforts of several Volga-Dnepr departments and the support of our partners," commented Volga-Dnepr Airlines' sales executive, Rinat Akhmetov.

The urgent flight to Bulgaria was chartered by Crane Worldwide Logistics.

The Noble Globetrotter II deepwater drilling vessel conducts operations at the Khan Asparuh block located approximately 80 kilometres offshore in the Black Sea. The region has estimated reserves of up to 100 billion cubic metres of gas ■

VOLGA-DNEPR GULF SIGNS BOEING 747 BASE MAINTENANCE-CHECKS WITH AIR ATLANTA ICELANDIC

02.06.2016

Volga-Dnepr Gulf (VD Gulf) based in Sharjah, UAE, has recently signed agreement for nose-to-tail inputs of Air Atlanta's Boeing 747-400s for Base Maintenance checks including AD/SB & out of phase works.



The first aircraft is due to arrive at VD Gulf's Sharjah Hangar facility on 26th June 2016, for a twenty six day layover while subsequent aircraft will follow this first input.

Recently VD Gulf has implemented an optimized maintenance process and additional improvements have been introduced including dedicated and Customer specific spares holding area for

Customer supplied material kits, tools and peculiar spares.

Air Atlanta Icelandic has been constantly using the VD Gulf facility to support its strong 747 fleet based in Jeddah, KSA and the relationship between the two companies dates back from 2014.

"Based on the excellent performance and support on earlier Boeing 747 models we have further expanded our business with VD Gulf by selecting them for Boeing 747-400 Base Maintenance work covering the first batch of aircraft scheduled for 2016. We are very confident that this will further strengthen our relationship for many years to come", said Mr. Orn

Johannsson, Manager Base Maintenance, Air Atlanta Icelandic.

VD Gulf is a holder of EASA Part 145 approval certificate along with many other regulatory authority approval certificates. Currently VD Gulf is qualified to provide maintenance services on Boeing 747-400/ 737NG/737CL/B757 and Airbus A320 family aircraft. This list is expanding every month and additional aircraft models will be added soon.

Air Atlanta Icelandic is one of the largest ACMI service provider in the world. AAI offers tailor-made solutions to other carriers, both in the passenger and cargo industry ■

VOLGA-DNEPR GULF OBTAINS 'UNLIMITED' EASA PART-145 APPROVAL

17.06.2016

Volga-Dnepr Gulf has extended its EASA Part-145 certificate to include a full range of maintenance activities (up to D-check) on Boeing 747-400 and Boeing 737 CL/NG type aircraft.

The approval process included a successful three-day EASA audit to confirm compliance of Volga-Dnepr Gulf with applicable EASA requirements for quality, safety procedures and maintenance capabilities. In the course of the audit the company demonstrated its unwavering adherence to EASA standards including personnel qualification level, maintenance process structure, equipment/tooling availability, as well as professionalism of management team.

This 'unlimited' EASA Part-145 approval makes Volga-Dnepr Gulf the first and fully independent MRO provider in the Middle East and Africa market to offer the entire scope of base maintenance on B747/737 type aircraft. The company is fully capable to provide its customers with services of any complexity, including implementation of complex modifications and major changes of aircraft systems and avionics, the highest level of maintenance checks (up to D-checks) and any other non-routine activities under requests from aircraft manufacturers or other STC holders and aircraft operators/owners.

“Extension of EASA Part-145 approval opens up fresh opportunities for the company to develop its business in the field of western-built aircraft maintenance. Our team did its best to obtain such an approval and to demonstrate the highest

organizational level to EASA. Volga-Dnepr Gulf is poised to offer high quality services to B747/737 operators and to establish mutually beneficial and fruitful cooperation with them,” said Viktor Sherin, Managing Director of Volga-Dnepr Gulf.

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AIR CARGO CHINA 2016

20.06.2016

AirBridgeCargo Airlines has participated in Air Cargo China 2016 which was coupled with the 7th International Exhibition for Logistics, Mobility, IT and Supply Chain Management – the biggest and most important cargo related event in Asia to showcase the company.

Traditionally the event was welcomed by Shanghai in the middle of June (14-16), undisputed world leading transport and logistics hub, and attracted more than 60,000 visitors from different parts of the world. Air Cargo China has long ago gained a reputation of the best show in Asia as it serves as an ideal meeting place for the transport, logistics and air cargo industry in the region.

This year ABC was greeting its customers and visitors at a joint Volga-Dnepr Airlines booth

which was designed in an elegant blue and white airy style and conveniently located at the very heart of the exhibition hall. Introduction of new markets, destinations and products to/from China, as well as throughout ABC's network, was the central topic of all the meetings and discussions which, together with customer focus approach, generated good impression and gave the right feedback the company was expecting.

ABC was very well represented by managers from Headquarters, EMEA and Asian regions with all the representative being in "high-demand" for customer meetings, conference participation and general information review.

Next time, Air Cargo China will be waiting its exhibitors and visitors in Shanghai in 2018 with AirBridgeCargo being there to welcome its customers ■

VOLGA-DNEPR TECHNICS MOSCOW ADDS SUKHOI SUPER JET 100 TO ITS MRO CAPABILITY

20.06.2016

Volga-Dnepr Technics Moscow (VDTM), part of Volga-Dnepr Technics subgroup – a maintenance, repair and overhaul division of Volga-Dnepr Group, has successfully passed a certification process to become an approved maintenance organization for Sukhoi Super Jet 100 aircraft under Russian Federal Aviation Regulations 285.

VDTM is now capable to provide line maintenance, structural repair and non-destructive testing services on the aircraft type SSJ100 at the company's Moscow-Sheremetyevo (SVO) facilities with prospective scope expansion to include base maintenance and additional line stations.

"We have recently seen an



evident global trend of progressively increasing numbers of Sukhoi aircraft, specifically in the markets of Western Europe, Asia and Latin America. There is a growing base of local air carriers adding the Russian-made aircraft to their fleets, which I believe is very beneficial to the national aircraft industry.

So, it was only a matter of time for VDTM to obtain an approval for SSJ-100 line maintenance. We are poised to deliver exceptional quality services to our customers and play an active role in development of the SSJ-100 product," said Evgeny Kochetov, General Director of Volga-Dnepr Technics Moscow.

“Enhancement of the service level is one of our prime objectives. We are extending the stock list and increasing the quantity of spare parts in warehouses, improving the maintenance schedules and developing our network of partners. As of today, there are 8 companies, including Volga-Dnepr Technics MSK, that can provide services to SSJ100, and we plan to further expand our network of service centers both within Russia and abroad”, said Ilya

Tarasenko, President of Sukhoi Civil Aircraft Company.

VDTM currently holds an extensive number of approvals, including EASA Part-145 and Part-147, Bermuda OTAR-145 and OTAR-39 Subpart F, as well as from national CAA which cover aircraft types, such as B737NG, B737CL, B747-200/300/400/8, A320 Family and the newly added SSJ-100 ■

AN-124 FREIGHTER DELIVERS 35-METRE TELESCOPIC BRIDGE TO BRAZIL

22.06.2016



The flight, organised under the Ruslan International An-124 joint venture between Antonov Airlines and Volga-Dnepr Airlines, carried the 40-tonne shipment to Brazil from Nanjing in China on behalf of Kuehne + Nagel.

The fifth generation ramp loading system was designed and manufactured by engineers at Volga-Dnepr.

This was the first time it had been used to load an actual cargo. Based on the success of this flight and the analysis of Volga-Dnepr's engineers, the airline has already identified other potential uses for the system, such as enabling the loading of very long aerospace shipments.

Specialists in Volga-Dnepr's Cargo Planning Department developed the technology in a short timescale and delivered the system to China having approved the technical aspects of the system with the shipper and consignee as well as the loading and unloading plans in China and Brazil respectively.

The flight has subsequently enabled Volga-Dnepr's engineers to update the operations manual for the loading equipment based on the experience gained from moving the bridge. This includes data for the time required to assemble and breakdown the equipment which will be used for the future transportation of other long and outsized cargoes ■

AIRBRIDGECARGO REPORTS 31% TONNAGE UPSURGE YEAR-OVER-YEAR FOR MAY

22.06.2016

AirBridgeCargo airlines is following its steady path of confident performance which is supported by “double 31% tonnage increase” - for May 2016 and for the first five months of 2016 – figures that resulted in 50 482 tons and 238 154 tons, respectively, of cargo carried throughout its expanded international network. The airline's FTK performance provided secure foothold with increase of 21% increase for May and 24% for the first five months of 2016.

The growth in cargo tonnage has been assisted by dynamic network expansion which saw ABC introducing flights to new destinations (Houston – Abu-Dhabi) and offering services to new continent (Africa) via flights of its partner airline, as well as up-gauging and strengthening positions for well-established markets (third frequency to Singapore and Munich). Apart from that, the carrier has been receptive to new cargo opportunities and challenges with special cargo delivery either on its scheduled flights or on ad-hoc basis by organizing charters. New markets are well supported by a modern fleet of Boeing 747 freighters on board of which the Company

accommodates its customers' cargo to different parts of the world providing numerous connectivity options via its hub in Moscow Sheremetyevo airport.

“May figures came as a good indicator of our performance as they demonstrate that our sales and business forces are targeted in the right direction. Despite flat market conditions and depressive yields, we have seen confident support from our clients, which has bolstered our operations and ensured further growth” – pointed out Executive president of AirBridgeCargo Airlines, Denis Ilin.

“So far 2016 has been both challenging and opportunistic in terms of supporting existing network and developing new services and destinations. We look forward to the second half of 2016 awaiting for its ups and downs, always ready to adequately respond to evolving needs of our clients and challenges of global economy. Consistently high level of service reliability and close communication with clients is our way to successfully address tough market” - added Denis Ilin ■

ASIA GIVES PROMINENCE TO AIRBRIDGECARGO AIRLINES

22.06.2016

China, June 14 – AirBridgeCargo Airlines has won prestigious award at the 2016 Asian Freight, Logistics and Supply Chain (AFLAS) Awards which was held at the Peace Hotel in Shanghai. This year ABC takes home “Best All-Cargo Airline” award which was handed out to Alexander Roschupkin, Commercial Director.

More than 15,000 readers of Asia Cargo News voted for leading industry players in different categories thus leaving only three representatives in each and giving their preferences to the best-in-class only. The event itself was coupled with Air Cargo China 2016 exhibition and conference which attracted the right audience and became an informal “get-together” after the exhibition day.

“For the last few years ABC has been recognized



with a series of leading industry awards for the quality of its performance, both national and international, and we are delighted to be here, among other winners at AFLAS awards, understanding that our customers' confidence reached the level, which took ABC to yet another height of recognition. It is an honor to be acknowledged at the Asian market – the main cargo arena of the world – and we will keep the pace further to maintain the level of trust we have obtained” – said Alexander Roschupkin, Commercial Director at AirBridgeCargo Airlines while being at the stage with the prize in his hands.

Asia was the very first region to welcome ABC back in 2004 when AirBridgeCargo's initial B747 flight lifted off from Moscow on its way to Beijing, China. Since then, step by step the airline has been expanding its presence in Asia by launching flights to Shanghai in 2004, Hong Kong in 2006, Tokyo (Narita) in 2007, Seoul and Zhengzhou in 2010, Chengdu in 2012 and Singapore and Hanoi in 2015, and, most recently, in Chongqing. This extensive market coverage encouraged customers' trust and resulted in 11% increase for compound average tonnage from Asia during the last five years.



As of now AFLAS award will beautify ABC's awards collection, which so far includes 'Cargo Carrier of the Year' for 4 consecutive years - 'Wings of Russia' Award, 'Best All-Cargo Carrier 2014' - Asian Freight and Supply Chain Awards, 'Cargo Airline of the Year Award 2015 – 'All-Cargo Airline of the Year', 'Best Overall Carrier of the Year 2015' - Payload Asia Awards 2015 and ANAMA Quality Awards 2016 – 'Quality Overall Performance'. All the awards confirm that today AirBridgeCargo Airlines is a sound name in air cargo industry associated with quality, high level of service and international expertise, which has been acknowledged both by industry experts and by ABC's customers■

VOLGA-DNEPR DELIVERS 85-TON HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATION

23.06.2016

A turbine runner and tooling weighing 115 tonnes and destined for the Ust-Srednekanskaya hydroelectric power station has arrived safely at Sokol Airport in Magadan, Russia, onboard a Volga-Dnepr Airlines' An-124-100 'Ruslan' freighter.

Preparations for the transportation of the 6-metre diameter turbine runner from St. Petersburg's Pulkovo Airport started in late 2015 in consultation with Power Machines Company, which produced the 85-tonne runner for the power station.

Volga-Dnepr has extensive experience of transporting radial-axial and adjustable-blade

RUNNER FOR MAGADAN'S NEW





turbine runners onboard its fleet of An-124-100 freighters. It has also developed its own tooling to be able to spread the weight of such extreme cargo loads throughout the cargo cabin floor of the aircraft. Based on the specific technical characteristics of the turbine runner for the Ust-Srednekanskaya hydroelectric power station, Volga-Dnepr's engineers modified the tooling within 20 days to ensure the safety of the load. The runner was mounted inside the tailored frame at the production site of Power Machines Company by Volga-Dnepr's technical crew before it was delivered to Pulkovo Airport using a trailer.

The An-124-100's technical crew assembled a special ramp extension with slide rails in order to load the 85-ton structure onboard the aircraft.

After placing the runner on the ramp extension the cargo was pulled inside the 'Ruslan' freighter using a winch and firmly secured. The loading procedure took Volga-Dnepr's engineers some 10 hours to complete, meeting the required deadline for the operation.

The turbine runner is for the hydroelectric unit No. 3 at Ust-Srednekanskaya hydroelectric power station, which is scheduled to commence operation in 2018. The power station will have an estimated 570 megawatt capacity and is located 217km down the Kolyma River from the current Kolymskaya HPS, which provides continuous electricity supplies in the Magadan region. The final commissioning of the station will enable major infrastructure projects to be implemented in the region ■



VOLGA-DNEPR'S NEW 'WING LIFT' SYSTEM EXPEDITES LOADING OF LARGE CARGO CONTAINERS

05.07.2016

Volga-Dnepr Airlines has transported two power generators to Port Harcourt, Nigeria, with the help of a new 'wing lift' system that reduces the loading time for large containers to less than 30 minutes.

The shipment of a 19-tonne gas-powered standby generator and a 17.6-tonne diesel generator on behalf of GEODIS Industrial Projects UK was moved from Châlons Vatry Airport in northeastern France to West Africa onboard one of the airline's IL-76TD-90VD freighters. Each generator was housed inside containers measuring 920x260x290cms.

Volga-Dnepr invested in the special 'wing lift' system to reduce the usual four-hour loading time for 20, 30 and 40-foot containers onto its aircraft. It attaches wheels to each corner of containers fitted with ISO international standard fitting points, enabling the aircraft's onboard loading systems to winch the container into the cargo hold safely and within a fraction of the previous handling timescale.

Volga-Dnepr is a regular provider of transportation and logistics solutions for Power & Energy customers, carrying power generation, transmission and distribution cargoes as well as power plant components such as valves, heat exchangers and pumps. To date, the airline has operated over



1,430 flights delivering over 76,750 tonnes of such cargoes and generates some 7% of its business from the provision of services to customers in the sector ■



AIRBRIDGECARGO IS ON ITS WAY DEVELOPING SERVICES IN ASIA

05.07.2016

As of July, 5 AirBridgeCargo will expand its South East Asian coverage with introduction of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, which brings total number of destinations in this part of the world to eleven.

The new freighter service to Cambodian's capital will be operated on a weekly basis en-route - Moscow (SVO) – Singapore – Phnom Penh, - with further return to Sheremetyevo international airport, which will give ABC's customers access to more than 600 weekly destinations via SVO hub and guarantees seamless connection with high level of service provided. The route will accommodate trade lanes from Cambodia to Europe and United States, as well as complement existing Singapore flight.

“Against the backdrop of China's slowing export growth, the Cambodian market looks appealing with double-digit growth in 2015 and ambitious airport development plans. By setting our footprint in this country not only do we open new destinations for our customers, but also strengthen our position in South East Asia – the main driver of the world trade. We strongly believe that customers with export flows of fashion textile and garments will benefit the most

from new service and will continue pushing our services in Cambodia setting new business relationships and supporting existing ones. Furthermore our current services in and out of Singapore are in healthy demand so capacity expansion there strengthens our position” – said Robert van de Weg, ABC Senior Vice-President, Marketing & Sales.

AirBridgeCargo will operate the new flight with its Boeing 747 freighter aircraft, thus bringing more than 100 tons of cargo capacity to the market, with special freighter-only features of nose loading for outside cargo and expertise for special cargo transportation.

At the moment the carrier's network in Asia covers China, Japan, South Korea, Singapore and Vietnam, operating more than 60 weekly flights from its online stations in Asia with further connections to Europe and the United States, both via the airline's hub in Moscow and directly.

BOEING AND VOLGA-DNEPR GROUP SIGN CONTRACT FOR LONG-TERM LOGISTICS SUPPORT FOR BOEING AND ITS PARTNERS. AGREEMENT ALSO CONFIRMS THE ACQUISITION OF 20 747-8 FREIGHTERS TO GROW AND UPGRADE FLEET

12.07.2016

Boeing and Volga-Dnepr Group sign contract for long-term logistics support for Boeing and its partners. Agreement also confirms the acquisition of 20 747-8 Freighters to grow and upgrade fleet Boeing (NYSE:BA) and Volga-Dnepr Group, a leader in transportation of unique, outside and heavy cargo, have signed an agreement for the Group's subsidiaries AirBridgeCargo Airlines and Volga-Dnepr Airlines to provide long-term logistics support for Boeing Commercial Airplanes and its partners using Boeing 747-8F and Antonov 124-100 freighters.



The agreement further strengthens the long and successful cooperation between the two companies. In addition, Boeing and Volga-Dnepr Group announced at Farnborough International Airshow 2016 that they have finalized terms for the acquisition of 20 747-8 Freighters, which includes 4 aircraft that have already been delivered.

Alexey Isaykin, President of Volga-Dnepr Group, said: „Volga-Dnepr intends to provide strong evidence to the market that the unique An-124 and Boeing 747-8 four-engine freighters are still essential to serve the fast-changing requirements of our customers worldwide. The most obvious proof of this is the high demand for Boeing 747-8 and An-124 freighters from customers in the Aerospace industry, which today represents 30% of our overall operations. This is the reason we continue to be so committed to the future of these glorious aircraft and why we are signing long-term agreements with Boeing and General Electric in the Cargo Village at Farnborough.”

Volga-Dnepr Group was the first to order the Boeing 747-8 Freighter in Russia and took delivery of its first 747-8 Freighter in 2012. The newly-ordered aircraft will support Volga-Dnepr's long-term strategy to grow AirBridgeCargo's fleet and replace current 747-400s. They will be acquired through a mix of direct purchases and leasing over the next six years.

The newly-delivered 747-8 Freighter on display in the Cargo Village at Farnborough will be operated by CargoLogicAir, the new British cargo airline, which is a partner of Volga-Dnepr Group. „Volga-Dnepr Group is a world-class cargo

carrier and an outstanding service provider,” said Boeing Commercial Airplanes President and CEO Ray Conner. „Boeing and Volga-Dnepr Group have a long history of successful partnership and I am very proud we can continue this journey together.”

The new 747-8 Freighter gives cargo operators the lowest operating costs and best economics of any large freighter airplane while providing enhanced environmental performance. It is optimized to provide greater revenue cargo-carrying capability than the 747-400, offering 16 percent more cargo volume while keeping its unique nose door.

Volga-Dnepr Group is the world leader in the unique, oversize and heavy cargo market and has represented the Russian airfreight industry in the international market since 1990. The Group, which includes three leading Russian all-cargo carriers — Volga-Dnepr Airlines, AirBridgeCargo Airlines and Atran Airlines — has a multinational team based in 16 countries. Volga-Dnepr is currently operating 12 Antonov 124-100, 5 IL-76TD-90VD, 15 Boeing 747s (seven Boeing 747-400F and eight Boeing 747-8F freighters) and three Boeing 737-400F.

It is one of the leading carriers of aerospace cargoes, working with leading aircraft manufacturers and operators, helicopter manufacturers and operators, satellite companies, and aircraft parts manufacturers. The Group generates over 30% of its revenues from the delivery of aerospace cargoes and to date has completed over 5,150 flights for aerospace customers and carried nearly 170,000 tonnes of products ■

VOLGA-DNEPR GROUP AND GE ANNOUNCE GLOBAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

13.07.2016

Volga-Dnepr Group and GE Aviation today signed a strategic cooperation partnership agreement that will utilize the two companies' unique strengths and expertise to develop collaborative solutions to benefit each company and their customers. This incorporates a long-term Logistic Support Program in which Volga-Dnepr Group's Boeing 747-8F and An-124 freighters will provide transportation support for GE Aviation.



The agreement also covers the expansion of Volga-Dnepr Group's TrueChoice™ Flight Hour agreement with GE for the maintenance, repair and overhaul of 88 additional GEnx-2B engines that power its Boeing 747-8 Freighters. The TrueChoice Flight Hour agreement is valued at close to \$1.4 billion (USD) over the life of the contract.

This enhanced level of cooperation builds on the successful 20-year partnership between Volga-Dnepr and GE and represents a strategic milestone in the development of both companies, each acknowledged specialists in the aviation industry. It aims to bring widespread benefits for customers and the global air transportation market.

'We perceive GE Aviation not just as a leading vendor of jet and turboprop engines and components. They stand out as a reliable partner of our Group of companies, and our partnership has been strengthened over many years through our successful Antonov 124 charter operations

and Boeing 747 scheduled services for GE companies. By signing this partnership agreement, we undertake to further develop the global air transportation market by offering our customers state-of-the-art logistics solutions to deliver their goods anywhere in the world," said Alexey Isaykin, President of Volga-Dnepr Group.

"Volga-Dnepr has set itself apart in the international air logistics and cargo market, and our two companies have forged a strong relationship over the years," said David Joyce, president and chief executive officer of GE Aviation. "We look forward to finalizing this strategic partnership that will create winning solutions for both Volga-Dnepr and GE and allow each of us to take advantage of the other's core competencies to benefit our businesses and our customers."

The agreement also provides for cooperation involving finance, marketing support and HR training programs

VOLGA-DNEPR GROUP AND CARGOLOGICAIR BRING TOGETHER THREE OF THE WORLD'S MOST ICONIC AIRCRAFT DESIGNERS

13.07.2016

Three of the world's most iconic aircraft designers are taking part in a live satellite broadcast in the Cargo Village at Farnborough International Airshow 2016 on 13 July at a special event for customers and partners of Volga-Dnepr Group and the new British cargo airline, CargoLogicAir.

Joseph Sutter, Chief Engineer of the Boeing 747, will participate from Seattle and will be joined from Moscow by Victor Tolmachev, Leading Design Engineer of the Antonov 124-100, and Genrikh Novozhilov, General Designer of the Ilyushin IL-76. The satellite conference, moderated by Peter Sissons, one of the UK's leading news broadcasters, will also feature author and publisher, Nigel Tomkins, who is writing a book on the story of Volga-Dnepr Group and its unique role in global aviation.

Alexey Isaikin, President of Volga-Dnepr Group, said: "This is an historic occasion. For the first

time, we are bringing together three of the greatest aircraft designers of all time to find out what inspired their aircraft creations and to discover how they see the future of air cargo transportation. Their remarkable achievements continue to influence modern day aircraft designers, many of whom are here at Farnborough. Like so many of us, their passion for aviation and aerospace has been inspired by what has gone before, by the diverse and dynamic aircraft that have changed the world of air travel and air cargo transportation, and by these visionary aircraft designers who took truly iconic aircraft ideas from the drawing board into production, and into the proud history of aviation. This will also be reflected in Nigel Tomkins' book that will tell the story of the role these magnificent aircraft continue to play in the growth and development of our 'Cargo Supermarket' of air logistics services" ■

VOLGA-DNEPR GROUP REPORTS CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

01.08.2016

Moscow August 1, 2016. — Executive President of AirBridgeCargo Airlines LLC resigns after three years of work in accordance with mutual agreements.

Denis V. Ilyin started his management career in AirBridgeCargo Airlines LLC as Director of Operations. From 2006 till 2008 he worked as General Director of the Airline and later rejoined AirBridgeCargo team in 2013 to hold the position of Executive President.

Denis Ilyin made significant contribution to the boost of Airline's operational results and overall FTK figures as well as to opening the new ABC stations in the North America and Southeast Asia, thus bringing the company to its solid position in the key markets. Denis Ilyin directly participated in establishing the long-term business relations with key customers and strategic partners such as Boeing and General Electric, which resulted in signing the major agreement on delivery of 20 state-of-the-art B747-8F cargo aircraft.

The top management of Volga-Dnepr Group would like to express gratitude to Denis Ilyin for his substantial contribution to development of scheduled cargo business of AirBridgeCargo Airlines and wish every success in his business career.



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