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VOLGA-DNEPR AIRLINES WINS 'CHARTER OPERATOR OF THE YEAR' AWARD AFTER INDUSTRY EXPERTS VOTE

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Volga-Dnepr Airlines has been voted Charter Operator of the Year in the Industry Choice Awards at the 5th Annual Payload Asia Awards 2016, presented in Hong Kong.

The 2016 awards saw a total of 90 nominations in 20 award categories with all votes audited by the independent auditing firm HLB Atrede.

The Industry Choice award winners are chosen by an international panel of expert judges, who analyse and score the nominations received. This year's judging panel included Glyn Hughes, Global Head of Cargo at IATA, Sanjiv Edward, Chairman of The International Air Cargo Association, Oliver von Tronchin, Head of Freighter Marketing, Customer Affairs at Airbus, Thomas Hoang, Regional Director, Cargo Marketing and Environmental Strategy at Boeing Commercial Airplanes, and Andrew Herdman, Director General of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines. Other companies represented in the judging panel included Lufthansa Cargo, DHL Global Forwarding, Skyteam Cargo, MASkargo and Bangkok Freight Services.

The organisers of the 2016 awards stated: "Confronting and overcoming the manifold challenges in the air cargo sector by creating innovative products and services and delivering real value to customers is the hallmark of those companies excelling in this industry. The perseverance, innovative strategies and many successes of the air cargo community in the face of unprecedented market conditions and ongoing economic uncertainty were celebrated at the Payload Asia Awards 2016. The awards seek to honour the very best in the industry."

Tatyana Arslanova, Vice President, Strategic Management and Charter Cargo Operations at Volga-Dnepr Group, said: "It is a particularly great

honour to be recognised as the 'Charter Operator of the Year' by such a distinguished panel of industry experts, who are all leaders in their respective fields of air cargo and aviation. Through continued investment in our fleet and the experts at our offices around the world, as well as our engineering and logistics services for outsize and heavyweight air cargoes, we are proud to demonstrate the great delivery capabilities of the air cargo industry, however challenging and complex they may be."

It was a night of double success for Volga-Dnepr Group with AirBridgeCargo Airlines winning the 'Media Award of the Year' in the Editor's Choice Awards for the quality of its communications

VOLGA-DNEPR AN-124 ENSURES FAST DELIVERY FOR BOEING TO FACTORY IN SEATTLE

17.10.2016

A large aircraft production component for a Boeing 767 has been delivered to Paine Field Airport, Washington, onboard a Volga-Dnepr Airlines' An-124-100 under the long-term logistics support agreement between Boeing and Volga-Dnepr Group.

The oversized component measuring 552" Lx96" Wx156"H, was transported inside a specialized ocean container to ensure its secured and timely delivery from the production plant in Japan. With additional aircraft parts and other equipment, the total weight of the shipment from Nagoya was 35,000 kilos. The transportation was coordinated by Boeing Supply Chain Logistics.

The cargo was delivered from Japan to Paine Field and onto the nearby Boeing factory in Everett within 24 hours of its arrival at the airport in Nagoya. To expedite the handling process, the container was loaded onboard the An-124 freighter using Volga-Dnepr's specially-developed loading ramps.

Axel Kaldschmidt, Volga-Dnepr Group's Global Director, Aerospace Industry, said: "This latest transportation is a further demonstration of the fast and dependable logistics support we continue to offer through our valued partnership with Boeing."



In July, Boeing and Volga-Dnepr Group strengthened their long and successful cooperation by signing a new 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. In addition, Volga-Dnepr Group confirmed its order for the acquisition of 20 747-8 Freighters.

Volga-Dnepr Group is the world leader in the unique, oversize and heavy cargo market. It is one of the leading carriers of aerospace cargoes, working with leading aircraft and 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, delivering some 170,000 tonnes of products



VD GULF & UTAIR – THE BEGINNING OF COOPERATION 05.08.2016

After a thorough and detailed tender evaluation process UTair, the prominent Russian based airline, selected Volga-Dnepr Gulf to perform maintenance work on UTair's Boeing 737-400 aircraft. The work scope includes ship set landing gear change, multiple Achecks and AD/SB accomplishment.

This contract paves the way for a wider and long term cooperation between two companies.

Managing Director of VD Gulf Victor Sherin said: "We are very pleased to cooperate with UTair and are always ready to provide assistance to Russian operators. It is a good beginning and we hope to extend the scope of cooperation to a higher level."

The UTair airline is the core group of UTair — one of the Russian largest aviation holding, which includes companies engaged in the operation of aircraft (airplanes and helicopters), their repair and maintenance, training and service support flights. UTair airline among the top three leaders of the Russian air transport market. Currently,

UTair flies on more than 150 destinations, more than 70 of them — a unique, and has a modern fleet of aircraft, with more than 60 aircraft.

Established in 1996, Volga-Dnepr Gulf has been a reliable maintenance service provider. High quality services delivered by professional personnel are the key factors in the company's long-standing success in the MRO market. The 22,000 sq. mt. hangar facility commissioned in the first guarter of 2013 allow for concurrent accommodation of six narrow-body aircraft and two Boeing 747-size wide-body aircraft. The hangar feature all necessary equipment and docking, as well as a high-performance ventilation and air conditioning system. The facility is equipped with all the necessary tools to perform heavy base maintenance together with required back shops. Holding approvals from EASA and other authorities for line and base maintenance services, VD Gulf services Boeing 747-400, 737 CL, 737NG, and Airbus A320 Family aircraft

CHAPMAN FREEBORN AND VOLGA-DNEPR DELIVER LOGISTICS SUPPORT FOR SOLAR IMPULSE 2'S HISTORIC ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP

23.08.2016



The Solar Impulse 2 (Si2) project chose Chapman Freeborn and Volga-Dnepr to provide comprehensive logistical assistance with the provision of both Cargo & Passenger chartered aircraft to transport spare parts, mobile hangar and the technical team to support the recordbreaking round-the-world trip which started in March 2015 and came to a triumphant conclusion at the end of last month. The aircraft landed back in Abu Dhabi on 26 July 2016 after completing 23 days of flight and covering a distance of 43,041km over the course of its 17-leg journey.

In addition to providing the Solar Impulse team with highly-responsive support aircraft including a Volga-Dnepr Airlines' IL-76TD-90VD and an ATR-72 for the mission, Chapman Freeborn's Wings 24 in-house flight support team helped to manage the project's operations, ranging from flight permits and customs clearances to ground handling and immigration arrangements for the transport airplanes.

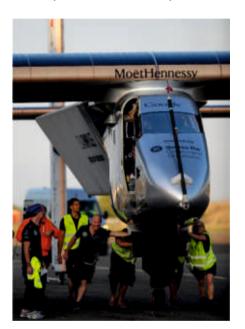
The accompanying support aircraft were responsible for transporting over 25 tonnes of technical equipment as well as flying crew members and personnel throughout the mission. This required significant flexibility by Volga-Dnepr, which ensured an IL-76TD-90VD was on

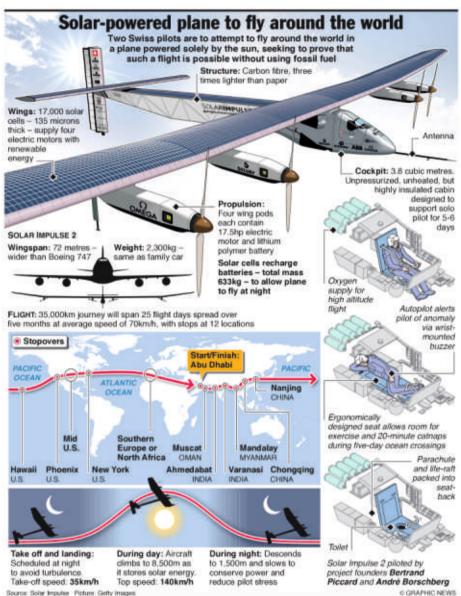
standby ready to support Solar Impulse 2 and be mobilized at extremely short notice.

Pierre van der Stichele, Cargo Business Development Director at Chapman Freeborn, said: "Chapman Freeborn is honoured to have provided specialist support for the Si2 mission throughout its journey around the world. The challenge for all innovators is doing things that have not been done before – so we're extremely proud to have been involved in this aviation industry first. The project required all of our global charter market expertise as we were working around Si2's changeable flight schedules - with support solutions required in Asia, North America, Europe, and North Africa. We would also like to thank Volga-Dnepr for its professionalism for assisting in ensuring the cargo always reached its destination safely and on time."

Georgy Sokolov, Regional Sales Manager at Volga-Dnepr Airlines, added: "Volga-Dnepr Group is strongly committed to improving the environmental efficiency of its fleet and to embracing all levels of aviation innovation so it was a special pleasure for us to play a long-term role in the historic achievement of the Solar Impulse 2 team. This demanded a level of flexibility far beyond a usual charter operation as we had to be ready to

mobilize our aircraft at extremely short notice. It was also appropriate that the modernized IL-76TD-90VD supporting Si2 features significantly improved operating efficiencies and lower emissions. As an industry, we must always be evaluating new technology that can make flying greener and more efficient and right now, in terms of showing what aviation may look like in the future, there is no better example than Solar Impulse 2"





About Solar Impulse

Swiss pioneers Bertrand Piccard (President) and Andre Borschberg (CEO) are the founders, pilots and life force behind Solar Impulse, the first aircraft able to fly day and night without fuel or polluting emissions.

Supported by partners Solvay, Omega, Schindler, ABB, Google, Altran, Bayer Material Science, Swiss Re Corporate Solutions and Swisscom amongst others, Solar Impulse has been a history making project in the world of exploration and the world of renewable energies.

The Si2 aircraft has a 72 meter wingspan (larger than that of the Boeing 747) for a weight of just

2,300 Kg, equivalent to that of a car. The 17,248 solar cells built into the wing supply four electric motors (17.5 CV each) with renewable energy. During the day, the solar cells recharge lithium batteries weighing 633 Kg which allow the aircraft to fly at night and therefore to have virtually unlimited autonomy.

On the longest leg of the journey, Borschberg, 63, smashed the record for the longest uninterrupted journey in aviation history with the 8,924 kilometre flight between Nagoya, Japan and Hawaii that lasted nearly 118 hours.

CARGOLOGICAIR SIGNS B747-400F MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH VOLGA-DNEPR GULF

24.08.2016

CargoLogicAir, the new British cargo airline, has signed an agreement with Volga-Dnepr Gulf to perform C-check maintenance on its Boeing 747-400 freighter.



The London Stansted-based cargo airline, a partner of Volga-Dnepr Group, has been performing charter services and servicing an ACMI contract since being awarded its Air Operator Certificate by the UK Civil Aviation Authority at the start of 2016. The scope of works agreed with Volga-Dnepr Gulf includes airworthiness directive/service bulletin (AD/SB) accomplishment, modifications and Out-of-Phase (OOP) tasks.

Victor Sherin, Managing Director of Volga-Dnepr Gulf, said: "We are proud to welcome another new airline customer and hope this first contract will lead to further maintenance projects and cooperation with CargoLogicAir as its freighter fleet grows."

CargoLogicAir has recently taken delivery of its first Boeing 747-8 Freighter and has stated its intention to build a fleet of five 747-8F aircraft

within five years as it aims to become a leading all-cargo airline in the European market.

Established in 1996, Volga-Dnepr Gulf provides a wide range of aircraft Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul services. Its modern 22,000 sq. mt. hangar facility at Sharjah International Airport, which was open in 2013, allows the company to accommodate up to six narrow-body aircraft or two Boeing 747-size wide-body aircraft for maintenance at one time. The hangar incorporates all of the equipment and workshops required to perform heavy base aircraft maintenance and has been approved by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and other authorities to provide line and base maintenance services, notably for Boeing 747-400, 737 CL, 737NG, and Airbus A320 Family aircraft •

VOLGA-DNEPR HAS ORGANIZED FLIGHT DISPATCH SERVICES FOR SILK WAY RALLY FOR THE SIXTH TIME

30.08.2016

Volga-Dnepr Airlines has provided its flight support services to the international Silk Way Rally 2016 which took place on the Moscow, Russia – Astana, Kazakhstan – Beijing, China route on 8 to 24 July this year.

Volga-Dnepr Airlines has traditionally arranged all necessary flight dispatch and support coverage, including flight planning, aeronautical information, clearances, etc., for operations of the rally's joint aviation unit comprising 8 airplanes and 7 helicopters along the entire route.

The 6th transcontinental Silk Way Rally set off on the 8th of July from Red Square in Moscow and headed east. The competition took place in three countries: Russia, Kazakhstan and China, and linked the three capitals: Moscow, Astana and Beijing. Over two weeks, crews covered a distance of 10,000 kilometers, with nearly half designed as special speed legs. For the first time, the route for 92 off-roaders and 24 trucks ran through two parts of the world – Europe and Asia – from Moscow to Beijing.

As a duly approved organization for provision of comprehensive third-party flight dispatch services, Volga-Dnepr Airlines has a vast experience in supporting such large-scale projects. Volga-Dnepr has continuously provided its dispatch expertise to Silk Way rally marathons since the very first start in in 2009







VOLGA-DNEPR DEMONSTRATES THE VALUE OF A 'CARGO SUPERMARKET' FOR SHIPMENT OF MARINE RESCUE EQUIPMENT TO AUSTRALIA

06.09.2016

Volga-Dnepr Group was able to demonstrate the unique advantages for customers using its 'Cargo Supermarket' service when moving a 41-tonne shipment of marine rescue equipment from Scotland to Perth, Australia.

Initially, the customer planned to use a schedule cargo flight of another airline to fly the cargo from the UK to Melbourne, followed by a seven-day journey by road to deliver the marine equipment to its final destination. However, the week-long ground transportation was far from ideal for such sensitive equipment.

Moving the cargo onboard a dedicated charter flight from the UK to Australia was going to be far more expensive until Volga-Dnepr stepped in with a unique solution combining its in-house scheduled, charter and ground logistics capabilities. This enabled Volga-Dnepr to offer the customer a highly competitive price with the added advantage of being able to deliver the cargo directly to Perth without the need for a long road journey in Australia.

Volga-Dnepr organised the collection of the cargo from the factory in Scotland and trucking of the equipment to Amsterdam to connect with one of AirBridgeCargo Airlines' scheduled Boeing 747 freighter services from the Netherlands to Singapore via Moscow. On its arrival in Singapore, the shipment was quickly transferred onto Volga-Dnepr Airlines' waiting IL-76TD-90VD for the final leg of its journey to Perth. Russell Capper, Director of Aviation Consultants



Limited, Volga-Dnepr's customer for the shipment, stated: "We always aim to deliver a competitively priced and seamless service to our clients and the hybrid option provided by Volga-Dnepr was the perfect solution for this shipment. The combination of Volga-Dnepr's diverse range of freighter aircraft and global reach meant our client's expectations were more than exceeded!"

Clair Gunn, Key Account Manager at Volga-Dnepr, said: "This delivery was a perfect example of how we can combine all of the capabilities of our Group of companies to provide the best possible solution for our customer in terms of pricing and service. Our decision to position an IL-76TD-90VD freighter in Southeast Asia means we are able to significantly reduce or even eliminate the cost of positioning an aircraft into the region, which would otherwise be a standard procedure for charter operations. Also, by moving the cargo on a through air waybill, the customer was also able to avoid additional import and export charges in Singapore."



SEATTLE BECOMES AIRBRIDGECARGO'S SIXTH GATEWAY IN NORTH AMERICA

19.09.2016

AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC) has launched twice-weekly Boeing 747 freighter services from Moscow to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, its sixth online gateway in North America.



Seattle is not only one of the biggest cities in the Pacific Northwest region but also a major gateway for trade with Asia. The new flight from Seattle will continue on to Chicago before returning to Europe and Moscow, providing ABC's customers with direct connections to all of the points in AirBridgeCargo's international route network via its Moscow Sheremetyevo hub.

Hendrik Falk, ABC's Vice President, North and South America, said: "For the last couple of years we have significantly grown AirBridgeCargo's footprint in the USA in response to customer needs and the ever-changing market environment. We are excited to have added Seattle to our network and can now provide our customers with an even greater choice of options to and from the U.S. We expect our new Seattle service will enjoy strong support from customers transporting a wide variety of products, including aerospace components, machinery, fish, seafood and other perishables. As an all-cargo operator, it is always rewarding to see airports that were previously mainly passenger oriented turning their attention towards cargo carriers. We have witnessed Sea-Tac's commitment to supporting cargo operators

and it is no wonder that the airport is gaining a much more prominent profile with cargo operators. We are proud to be adding Seattle to our growing network."

"For customers in Asia, we will also offer solutions for aerospace cargoes from China, Japan, Korea and Singapore with a prime service to this important gateway," added Robert van de Weg, ABC's Senior Vice President, Marketing & Sales.

"The Port of Seattle is proud to play a key role in the strong relationship AirBridgeCargo has with so many of our Pacific Northwest business partners," said Port of Seattle Commission President John Creighton. "AirBridgeCargo will expand Sea-Tac's global reach with new direct freighter service to Moscow and Amsterdam. This service will be a boost to our regional economy as these new export options are now easily accessible."

The new Seattle service extends ABC's existing network in North America, which provides customers with 747 freighter services to and from Dallas, Atlanta, Houston, Los Angeles and Chicago

VOLGA-DNEPR AIRLINES COMPLETES AIR-SEA DELIVERY OF PATROL BOATS TO YUZHNO-SAKHALINSK

22.09.2016

Volga-Dnepr Airlines has delivered four Mangust patrol boats to Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk in the Far East of Russia and provided its customer with additional logistics services, including the launch of boats at the port of Korsakov.

The boats, built at the Vympel Shipyard in Rybinsk for the Border Guard Service, were carried onboard two An-124-100 'Ruslan' flights from Tunoshna airport near Yaroslavl and were loaded onto the aircraft using a ramp, rail system and a crane. Each one measured 19 metres in length and weighed 32 tonnes.

"These An-124 flights were operated for our customer. Vympel Shipyard, with the addition of a broad range of logistics services provided by



departure and arrival airports. the ground transportation of the boats to the port of Korsakov as well as their launch in Korsakov. another first in the history of Volga-Dnepr," said Alexander

Volga-Dnepr. These included Kartashov, Key Account arranging crane-lift at the Executive at Volga-Dnepr Airlines. He added: "It was necessary to consider various different factors in completing this operation, including the typhoon conditions in Sakhalin and the challenging sea conditions. We did this successfully and, as a result, the boats were delivered, launched and provided on-time to the Border Guard Service of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation."

> Volga-Dnepr has gained considerable experience of moving seagoing vessels over the past 26 years. Over this period, it has transported yachts, submarines, submersibles, rescue vessels and patrol boats, including previous flights carrying Russian Mangust boats. The airline has safely delivered these unique types of cargo all over the world



NEW APPOINTMENTS IN THE GROUP

04.10.2016

Dear all,

We are happy to announce that Robert van de Weg was promoted to the position of Group Senior Vice-President for Sales and Marketing.

Robert van de Weg joined AirBridgecargo in May, 2014 in the position of Senior Vice-President for Marketing and Sales.

Robert has an extensive experience in the aviation and logistics business with the career starting in 1990 at KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. Robert held senior management positions at Atlas Air, Cargolux Airlines International.

In his new role Robert will assume commercial responsibilities for both Scheduled Cargo Operations and Charter businesses.



"We expect a continuous positive cooperation with Robert in his new and challenging role in VDA Group and we wish him a great success" said Alexey Isaikin





Seattle, October 7, 2016: Volga-Dnepr Group has today taken delivery of its 10th new 747-8 Freighter as it continues to strengthen its fleet development and logistics services partnership with Boeing.

The Group, which includes Volga-Dnepr Airlines, the world's largest transporter of unique, oversize and heavyweight air cargo, and AirBridgeCargo (ABC), one of the fastest-growing international

scheduled cargo airlines, formally received its latest -8 at a handover ceremony in Everett, Wash. Painted in AirBridgeCargo's distinctive blue and white livery, the new delivery increases the size of ABC's fleet to 16 747 freighters and continues its long-term fleet enhancement strategy.

In July, Volga-Dnepr Group confirmed its order for 20 new 747-8 Freighters and today's delivery



represented the fifth aircraft in this agreement. Future deliveries will lead to the phasing out of the remaining 747-400Fs in AirBridgeCargo's fleet. The handover event also celebrated the launch by ABC of twice-weekly 747-8F services from Seattle to Moscow via Chicago and Europe. Seattle becomes ABC's sixth online gateway in North America.

Volga-Dnepr Group's strong relationship with Boeing was emphasized with the signing of a long-term logistics support agreement between the two companies at this year's Farnborough International Airshow. It covers the provision of logistics services by Volga-Dnepr Group to Boeing and its partners using its fleet of An-124-100 and 747 freighters.

"The addition of Seattle to AirBridgeCargo's growing international network and the delivery of our latest -8 Freighter is not only strategically important to the development of ABC, it also allows our Group to fulfill its obligations under the long-term logistics support program agreement with Boeing and its partners for the transportation of aerospace cargoes. For Volga-Dnepr Group, we are confident our fleet of An-124 and 747 freighters will enable us to successfully compete and fulfill our commitments to our customers," said Alexey Isaykin, President of Volga-Dnepr Group.

Marty Bentrott, vice president Russia, Central Asia and Middle East Sales for Commercial Airplanes, added: "We are confident that the tenth Boeing 747-8F delivered to Volga-Dnepr Group will help the company to implement its ambitious plans in the global cargo transportation market. In return, the Boeing Company intends to support and maintain this strategic partnership, which combines the strengths of our companies and our unique experience of developing joint solutions in the interests of aerospace industry customers."



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