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Volga-Dnepr Technics expands its aircraft maintenance capabilities in Moscow

Following a successful audit by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), Volga-Dnepr Technics (VDT) has extended its line maintenance station operations certificates at Moscow's Sheremetyevo and Domodedovo airports and also obtained licences to perform line maintenance up to A-Check on Airbus A320 and Boeing B737NG aircraft.

VDT also received EASA approval to perform non-destructive testing (D1) activities. This will allow the company to identify and promptly eliminate aircraft defects. Following receipt of its maintenance certificate for the A320 narrow body aircraft, Volga-Dnepr Technics is actively working to expand its customer base and to provide a wider range of services.

To date, VDT operates maintenance stations at nine airports worldwide (SVO, DME, VKO, KJA, ULY, SHJ, FJR, LEJ, and FRA). Line maintenance stations are open at all airports within the Moscow Air Transportation Cluster (MAC). At SVO, the range of serviced types includes the B747 family, B737 and A320. At DME, it provides maintenance for B747F, A320 and B737CI aircraft, while its VKO facilities service B747F and B737CI.

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1. VDT Development Plan

Volga-Dnepr Technics (VDT) is a constituent part of Volga-Dnepr Group incorporating companies such as VDT Moscow, VDT Ulyanovsk, VD GULF and VD GmbH. It is a Maintenance and Repair Service Supplier for Russian and Foreign-made aircraft. VDT is a standalone business incorporated in 2008 on the basis of existing and new-established maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities aimed at a better coordination and higher concentration of MRO activity within the Group and improvement of client servicing.

Our mission: We ensure competitive and achievement-oriented break-through in the area of our Customers' aircraft airworthiness support making available Volga-Dnepr's unique operational experience in anticipation of aircraft failures and defects.

At present time VDT is represented in three following Regions.

- Russia.
 - Moscow (SVO, DME and VKO): Line Maintenance Checks and other related services provided to aircraft types such as Boeing 747, Boeing 737, Airbus A320 at the Moscow Airports: Sheremetievo, Domodedovo and Vnukovo.
 - Krasnoyarsk (KJA): a Maintenance Base certified to provide Line Maintenance Checks to B747-type aircraft.
 - Ulyanovsk (ULY): has a 20-year experience in Aircraft maintenance, repair and servicing of aircraft types such as ANTONOV AN-124 and ILYUSHIN IL-76. VDT company was one of the first Residents of the Special Economic Port Zone in the territory of Ulyanovsk-Vostochny Airport.
- In Europe.
 - Leipzig (LEJ) provides Aircraft Line Maintenance Checks up to A-check level for Boeing 747 at the territory of Leipzig Halle Airport.
 - Frankfurt am Mein (FRA) is a certified provider of line maintenance checks for B747 type aircraft.
- In United Arab Emirates.
 - Sharjah (SHJ) is a maintenance service provider to Russian made aircraft of AN-124, IL-76, AN-24/26/32, AN-74 types), as well as line check provider for Western made airplanes of Boeing 747, Boeing 737 CL & NG, Airbus A320 types.
 - Fujairah (FJR): Maintenance and related services for AN-24/26, AN-74 and IL-76 airplanes.

Part 145 certified the Leipzig Maintenance Station provides services up to A-Check inclusive. Hangar area (8 500 square meters) is sufficient to accommodate one wide-body or two narrow-bodied airplanes and incorporates the following shops:

- Wheel and Brakes;
- Batteries.

Within the scope of certificates issued by Civil Aviation Authorities of UAE as well as the Carriers' Registration States (Russia, Ukraine etc.) the VDT provides maintenance services to Russian and Foreign made aircraft at the territory of Sharjah Airport. In spring 2013 the Company is going to put into operation there a Hangar Facility with total area of 22 000 square meters capable to accommodate two AN-124 or B747 type airplanes plus one IL-76 or three narrow-bodied airplanes at a time. There are two operational shops at the station: Wheels and Brakes and Battery Repair Sections.

Creating an advance Maintenance, Repair and Overhauls infrastructure at the Ulyanovsk-Vostochny Airport is one of the most significant areas of implementing Volga-Dnepr Technics' development strategy in. In 2011 Volga-Dnepr Group was one of the first companies to obtain Certificate of Residency at the Special Economic Port Zone (SEPZ) in Ulyanovsk and is going to use it as a basis for setting up an Aviation Logistics Center structured to meet the best World standards. Other Group plans encompass construction of aircraft maintenance and repair base, logistics and business centers.

Another complicated task standing before Volga-Dnepr Technics is to extend aircraft line-up covered by MRO certificate to further



expand the range of services provided and customer base. At present time we service both Russian and International Air Carriers. With every new Customer, and every new aircraft the VDT increments its expertise in aircraft maintenance business continuously improving quality of its services.

2. VDT Maintenance Points Priority (in addition to Item 1)

Op-priority maintenance points under development at the present time are Moscow (ABC Maintenance Base), Ulyanovsk (VDA Maintenance Base), Leipzig (European stronghold for VD Group Companies) and Sharjah (Foreign customers Maintenance Base).

3. Product Line-up Perspectives (in addition to Item 1)

Product line developments are detailed in the Group Business Plan. The two main directions of such development are: expanding range of services (Battery services, C-Checks) and extending aircraft line-up for maintenance (primarily Boeing 737, 757, 767, Airbus A320, A330).

4. Delivery of Aircraft Parts (for foreign-made airplanes in Russia and for Russian-made airplanes at foreign based VDT stations).

Parts/components supply for aircraft maintenance and repairs.

Each of the Sub-Group Companies has a number of internal and external contacts and contracts/agreements with Manufacturers, Distributors and Stockists* of various aviation equipment thus facilitating procurement of any products needed/required.

Stockist means a trading company who the Manufacturer has granted preferential/easy terms of buying in exchange of obligation to maintain an agreed level of particular products/goods.

Parts/components delivery to aircraft.

In Russia (VDTM Business Units).

SVO, DME, VKO, KJA. For aircraft maintenance purposes parts/components are delivered from stores to the aircraft directly by the Maintenance and Repair Organization namely by its Transport Section. It means that Transport personnel obtain from store the necessary parts completed on the basis of Day/Shift Work Order and make arrangements to ensure these are delivered to the affected aircraft. In the event that some additional work are to be accomplished requiring additional parts/components, Maintenance Engineers shall go to the store to inquire and obtain the needed parts and then return to the aircraft to complete the work.

Overseas companies of the Sub-group also use their own transport to deliver equipment, tools parts to the aircraft undergoing a maintenance check.

5. What is the employment policy, what personnel of what nationalities work at Leipzig, Sharjah, Moscow... Is there any shortage of personnel?

In its HR policy the VDT pays special attention to employees' qualification, professionalism, motivation and availability for the achievement of Company Goals and Objectives. Personnel training process is an integrated part of the Company operational activity. The Company has in place an in-house Engineering Personnel Self-Training System, there is also an individual coaching system in place in VDT. The Company promptly responds to any change of the Labor Market to continuously develop its social package and work pay system.

Communication between Top Management and Frontline Personnel are well established and maintained through scheduled meetings to discuss strategic issues and summing up work results and performance.

The total strength of VTD Sub-group is 630 persons.

Of them 70% are frontline personnel and 30% management and office personnel.

As to their nationality Russian citizens constitute 75%, CIS 10 %, 10% Arabs, Hindu and Pakistani, Citizens of European Union constitute only 5% of all employees.

27-12-2012 Czech airlines is Volga-Dnepr Technics' launch customer for Airbus A320 maintenance at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport

Volga-Dnepr Technics (VDT) has successfully commenced A-check aircraft maintenance services for the Airbus A320 at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport with Czech Airlines as its launch customer.

At the beginning of December, VDT – the aircraft maintenance and repair division of Russia's Volga-Dnepr Group – received authorisation to provide maintenance services up to A-check for new aircraft types, notably the Airbus A320 and Boeing 737NG. Czech Airlines was the first airline to award an A320 maintenance contract to VDT at the Moscow airport, enabling checks to be completed on the aircraft during the winter long-time parking period. The range of works on daily-check and the elimination of defects was carried out promptly and efficiently.

"Czech Airlines is glad to begin mutually beneficial cooperation with Volga-Dnepr Technics. The daily-check was successfully performed on our A320 aircraft and it should also be noted that VDT's specialists completed their work on-time and efficiently in spite of severe weather conditions at the airport. Under the terms of our agreement, VDT will provide services for daily-check, transit-check and other additional services," said Vadim Kalinin, the station manager for Czech Airlines at Sheremetyevo Airport.

Volga-Dnepr Technics is a subgroup of Volga-Dnepr Group – Russia's leading air cargo airline organisation. VDT now operates maintenance stations at nine airports worldwide (SVO, DME, VKO, KJA, ULY, SHJ, FJR, LEJ, and FRA). Line maintenance stations are in operation at all airports within the Moscow Air Transportation Cluster (MAC) – Sheremetyevo, Domodedovo, and Vnukovo.

15-01-2013 Fraport honours AirBridgeCargo Airlines at Frankfurt Airport



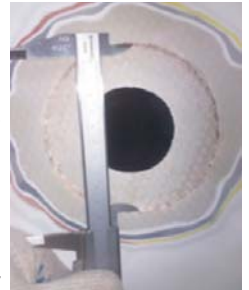
Fraport Cargo Services (FCS) has acknowledged AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC) as one of the best cargo performers at Frankfurt Airport in its annual ceremony to honour its top cargo carriers.

AirBridgeCargo, part of Volga-Dnepr Group, is Russia's largest cargo airline. It operates 12 Boeing 747-400 freighter services a week linking Frankfurt and Moscow, with onward connections to the United States and Asia-Pacific. In the first 11 months of 2012, ABC's total cargo traffic handled at Frankfurt was almost 106,000 tonnes.

This is the fourth year in a row that Fraport has recognised ABC's performance. Fraport Cargo Services hosted a special reception at Frankfurt Airport attended by more than 60 customers to celebrate the success of its airline partners. The top cargo performers were presented with a Hessisch Bembel, a jug for the famous Hessian apple wine.

Winfried Hartmann, Managing Director of FCS, who presented the winners with their Bembel prizes, stated: "Our customers' success is our own success and we greatly value our close and trusting collaboration. These awards are our way of saying 'thank you' for our fruitful partnership in 2012 and to look forward to yet another great year."

18-01-2013 A record response by Volga-Dnepr Technics



It took just 14 hours for experts from Volga-Dnepr Technics to repair the damaged nose radome of a Yakutia Airlines' Boeing 737NG, demonstrating the enhanced capacity of the company's main-tenance operation in Moscow.

Nose radome repair works were carried out at Volga-Dnepr Technics' maintenance base at Sheremetyevo Airport. The damaged part was delivered to the facility overnight from Vnukovo Airport enabling the maintenance crew to start the repair works early the next morning. The scope of the work included the recovery of the external and internal composite covering, replacement of a cellular filler and restoration refinishing. The urgency of the AOG (aircraft on the ground) request meant that the repair shop needed to respond quickly to ensure the component was ready to ship back to the customer the same day.

The average time to repair a damaged nose ra-dome of any aircraft type is about 38 hours, making this a record-beating response. Yakutia Airlines' representatives highly commended the quality and speed of Volga-Dnepr Technics' engineers.

"Volga-Dnepr Technics' specialists repaired the component quickly and efficiently in less than a day. Within the parameters of our maintenance agreement, VDT specialists will continue to carry out all maintenance services on our aircraft such as endoscopic inspection of aircraft engines, diagnostic activities and non-destructive testing as well as carrying out structural repair," said Valentin Sleptsov, Head of Maintenance at Yakutia Airlines.

22-01-2013 ROSOBORONEXPORT ranks VDA high

Cargo Operations Department of OJSC Rosoboronexport expressed gratitude to Volga-Dnepr Airlines for professional work and long-term productive cooperation.

Customer representatives admitted that they enjoy the opportunity to order VDA transportation services at any time because they can rely upon safe and reliable delivery of military cargo to various regions worldwide. Special thanks were devoted to Volga-Dnepr Sales Department, namely to Marat Mukhametzyanov and Sergey Bayushev for their individual contribution into the effective and successful partnership between the two companies.

Rosoboronexport is a traditional customer of Volga-Dnepr Airlines since 1994. In accordance with transportation requests from this customer, Volga-Dnepr delivered helicopters and fighter aircraft, armored vehicles, aircraft ground handling equipment and accessories and other Russia's defense industry products. In 2012 Volga-Dnepr Airlines performed around 80 flights under contracts with Rosoboronexport.

24-01-2013 Volga-Dnepr Technics opens new maintenance hangar at Leipzig/Halle Airport



AirBridgeCargo Airlines, part of Volga-Dnepr Group and Russian largest all-cargo carrier, received the "Golden Chariot" award as the National Leader in Air Transport Industry.

The award ceremony was held at the 2nd Russia-Germany Logistics Congress, the first in the series of events opening the Year of Germany in Russia, on 18 June 2012.

The "Golden Chariot" public award has been instituted by the Transport Committee of the State Duma (Russian Parliament) and Russian Ministry of Transport to recognize companies and

their management working in the transport and associated industries.

"It is very prestigious and honorable for our relatively young airline to receive such award as an acknowledgement of the efforts demonstrated by Volga-Dnepr Group in the development and promotion of the Russian transport industry," said Alexander Lapin, Operations Director of AirBridgeCargo Airlines, after receiving the award from the Award Council.

18-02-2013 Volga-Dnepr Technics opens aircraft battery workshop in Sharjah

Volga-Dnepr Gulf, representing Volga-Dnepr Technics in the Middle East, has opened an aircraft battery workshop at Sharjah Airport.

Certified under EASA Part 145, the new battery workshop opened for business at the end of January. The production capacity of the workshop enables its team to service Varta and Saft batteries under the following scope of works: full inspection, periodic repair, regular repair, and overhaul. This is the second of two new component repair workshops opened by Volga-Dnepr in Sharjah, following the dedicated wheels and brakes workshop that commenced service in December 2012. The two facilities will enable Volga-Dnepr Gulf to expand its capabilities at the airport.

Volga-Dnepr Gulf has conducted activities in Sharjah since 1996. These services include: aircraft maintenance and repair services, components, spare parts and consumables supply, as well as the sale of fuel, oil and lubricants used on various types of Western and Russian-built aircraft. The company provides services under



01-03-2013 Aircraft Maintenance Russia & CIS 2013 conference presents top professional award to Volga-Dnepr Technics

Volga-Dnepr Technics has won an award for its achievements in the development of maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services, presented at the Aircraft Maintenance Russia and CIS 2013 international conference and exhibition.

Anton Korolev, Volga-Dnepr Technics' Vice President of Sales, added: "We will continue to grow and develop our business in order to increase our service offering for our customers in Russia and overseas, and in support of the continued development of the entire airline industry."

The professional awards for MRO services were established by ATO Events and 'Air Transport Review' magazine in 2008. They are awarded to the leading players in the MRO markets in Russia and the CIS. This is the first time Volga-Dnepr Technics has won this award, adding to the number of prizes gained by its parent Volga-Dnepr Group in recent years, including the Best Technical Department award won by Volga-Dnepr Airlines in 2012 covering the scope of aircraft maintenance.



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