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WFS SETS ‘A NEW STANDARD FOR HANDLING PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS’ WITH COPENHAGEN FACILITY OPENING

Worldwide Flight Services (WFS) has set a new standard for the handling of pharmaceutical products in Copenhagen Airport with the official opening of its new state-of-the-art pharma facility, according to Morten T Mortensen, the airport’s Director of Airline Sales & Route Development.

“With this significant expansion, WFS is playing an important role in one of Copenhagen Airport’s priorities in the Cargo strategy “Grow Pharma”. In addition to this, we know that WFS has extensive experience in the handling of pharmaceutical shipments and will be able to keep benefitting from the knowledge of their global network of 22 countries with over 200 locations. With the opening of this facility, WFS has set a new standard for the handling of pharmaceutical products in Copenhagen Airport and has ensured the capability to handle Pharmaceutical and Biomedical shipments for many years to come,” he told guests attending a special ‘ribbon-cutting’ ceremony in the facility.

The opening of the pharma centre in Copenhagen comes in the same month as WFS also opens a new €10 million pharma centre in Paris, which is the only facility owned by a ground handler dedicated to pharmaceuticals at Paris



At the official opening of WFS’ new pharma centre in Copenhagen are: Lars Gotfredsen, Air Cargo Manager, Copenhagen Airport; Dan Parker, WFS; Jimi Hansen, WFS; Marc Claessen, WFS; and Morten T Mortensen, Director of Airline Sales & Route Development of Copenhagen Airport.

Charles de Gaulle (CDG). In addition to these investments, September 1 also saw WFS extend its cargo handling footprint in Copenhagen to 13,900 sqm when it commenced operations in another 4,700 sqm freight centre at the airport.

Growing its presence and product handling capabilities in Copenhagen – where WFS already serves some 70 airline customers – will also help the airport authority attract new airlines.

The new 1,500 sqm building provides end-to-end handling in a temperature-controlled environment for 2-8°C

pharma products incorporating acceptance, offload, pre-storage, build-up and storage for loose shipments and pre-built pallets, with the capacity to handle up to 300 euro-pallets. The upgrading of WFS’ existing temperature control areas in its largest facility at Copenhagen will also meet demand for growing volumes of pharma products requiring a 15-25°C temperature range.

Morten T Mortensen added: “Pharmaceutical products are among the highest valued commodities to be carried by air freight and there are some very strict requirements to be met when it comes to temperature



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control, speed, stability and careful handling. These requirements mean that airlines and handling companies must have 100% focus on processes and physical facilities whether goods are handled according to GDP or CEIV standards. Today, WFS has taken an important step towards meeting the requirements.”

Since commencing the upgrading of its pharma handling capabilities in Copenhagen 18 months ago, WFS has seen a significant increase in pharma volumes.

Dan Parker, SVP Commercial Cargo – EMEAA at WFS, said: “We see significant potential in Copenhagen by investing in the facilities and solutions our customers need to grow their

businesses. Pharma is a big focus because both Denmark and Sweden have important pharmaceutical production sites located in or around the Oresund region and Copenhagen is a natural international gateway for these products. By increasing our commitment, we also hope pharma volumes still being trucked to other airports will now see WFS is offering a more local, high quality and cost-efficient solution and this will also contribute to the continued growth of the airport.”

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About WFS

Founded in 1971 and headquartered in Paris, WFS (www.wfs.aero) is the world’s largest air cargo handler and one of the leading providers of ground handling and technical services with annual revenues of over EUR1.3 billion. Its 27,000 employees serve more than 270 airlines at 198 major airports in 22 countries on five continents.