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# AirBridgeCargo Airlines selects Worldwide Flight Services to accelerate growth of strategic partnership with Liege Airport

AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC) has chosen Worldwide Flight Services (WFS) as its handling partner to accelerate its strategic partnership with Liege Airport ahead of the opening of the first phase of its new dedicated cargo area at the airport at the end of 2019.

The cooperation is in support of the strategic partnership signed between ABC's parent company, Volga-Dnepr Group, and Liege to significantly increase cooperation between the two companies, boosting AirBridgeCargo's volumes to and from the Belgian airport and placing Liege among the top five cargo airports in Europe by 2020.

This latest addition of Worldwide Flight Services to the project comes as the partners progress with the construction phase of new warehouse premises to support ABC's fast-growing freight volumes. This work will be divided into two phases for completion by the end of this year and mid-2020 respectively.

"Our close collaboration will facilitate the seamless and rapid building of the first 12,500 sqm of warehousing premises, which will be operational in November 2019. This will support our intention to increase ABC's current schedule of eight weekly frequencies



from Liege to our target of 30 flights per week by 2020 in line with our customers' wishes and our vision of joint, intensified cooperation. This is a global project for AirBridgeCargo because, as well as representing a substantial enhancement of our cargo infrastructure in the region, it will allow us to increase our use of Liege Airport to leverage major international trade flows, including for special cargoes, and extend our ability to meet the needs of global businesses and consumers," highlighted Andrey Andreev, Vice President, Europe of AirBridgeCargo Airlines.

Barry Nassberg, Group Chief Commercial Officer of WFS, commented: "We are extremely proud to be partnering with AirBridgeCargo and Liege Airport in this very exciting development, and to be expanding our long-time global relationship with ABC.

our long-time global relationship with ABC. As the world's largest cargo handler, we're also excited about entering the Liege market for the first time, which has been a strategic objective of ours. We'll be bringing the unique WFS experience to the airport, along with our technology, systems, and security processes, and are confident in our ability to help accelerate ABC's and Liege Airport's growth ambitions."

In addition to new warehouse facilities, Liege Airport is also constructing additional aircraft stands for wide-body planes with access to the enclosed cargo handling areas through an easily accessible ramp zone.

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### **About AirBridgeCargo Airlines**

AirBridgeCargo is one of the global cargo carriers with an expanded international route network which connects customers in the largest trans-regional markets of Asia, Europe, and North America and covers more than 30 major cargo gateways, accommodating trade flows worldwide. All the flights are operated via ABC's cargo hub in Moscow Sheremetyevo airport, featuring up-to-date equipment and guaranteeing seamless connection throughout the airline's expanded international network within a 48-hour delivery time, including handling, all managed by highly skilled and qualified ground handling personnel. ABC's fleet consists of 18 Boeing 747 freighters and is one of the youngest and most modern in the airline industry.

[More information – www.airbridgecargo.com](http://www.airbridgecargo.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.

[More information - https://www.liegeairport.com/en](https://www.liegeairport.com/en)

### **About Worldwide Flight Services**

Founded in 1971 and headquartered in Paris, WFS 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 EUR1.2 billion. Its 27,000 employees serve more than 270 airlines at 198 major airports in 22 countries on five continents.

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