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WFS SIGNS 20-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR NEW ON-AIRPORT WAREHOUSE AT LONDON HEATHROW TO SUPPORT LONG-TERM GROWTH STRATEGY

Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), a SATS company, has won a competitive tender to lease a new, built-to-suit 11,000m² air cargo facility at London Heathrow Airport (LHR), which is expected to be fully operational during 2027.

WFS will install a four level, 220 position PCHS with two ETVs that together with other MHS improvements will allow the new facility to provide an annual handling capacity in excess of 160,000 tonnes.

The 20-year lease on the new facility, located on Southampton Road in the heart of LHR's cargo area, reinforces both WFS' position as the largest cargo handler at Heathrow and the airport's strategic importance to UK and international trade.

In 2024, 1.58m tonnes of cargo moved through Heathrow – up 10% year-on-year - with a value of £215.6bn, making it the largest UK port by value. Airlines operating to and from Heathrow serve 230 destinations globally in 85 countries and regions and carry over 72% of all UK air cargo by value.

This strong performance is reflected in WFS' growth at London Heathrow, with volumes 28% higher in the first six months of 2025 versus H1/2024, resulting from airline contract wins and organic growth by its existing carrier clients.

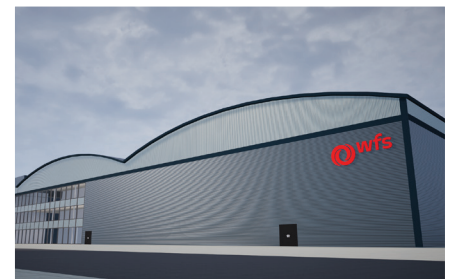
“Heathrow is literally flying from a cargo perspective, so it is imperative that we can provide the physical infrastructure to process these growing volumes. This new lease is an important part of this strategy and reflects WFS long-term commitment



to Heathrow and its airline and cargo customers,” said Chris Beale, Managing Director UK at WFS.

Across eight facilities at Heathrow with a total footprint of nearly 44,000m², WFS currently handles over 350,000 tonnes annually for 12 major airlines, including its latest customers, Air India and Riyadh Air. The new development will enable WFS to meet the growth requirements of its existing customers and provide capacity to serve more airlines.

As well as supporting WFS' sustainability goals, the Southampton Road warehouse will incorporate dedicated handling facilities for special cargoes, including



valuable, pharmaceutical, perishable, express, AVI, and dangerous goods shipments. It will also handle outsize cargoes, such as cars and aero engines.

WFS expects the new cargo terminal to create up to 100 new jobs at Heathrow when it opens in 2027.

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About World Flight Services (WFS)

Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), a SATS company, is a global air cargo logistics leader and best in class ground handling partner. As a combined company, SATS and WFS create an Americas-Europe-APAC network with a global footprint of more than 227 stations in 27 countries.

The SATS-WFS group employs over 50 000 people and assists more than 270 customers.

WFS has a 40-years experience in aviation-related handling service and can provides top quality solutions with a vast scope of services such as cargo handling, baggage handling and processing, ramp services, passenger services including premium VIP services, while maintaining its industry-leading standards of safety and security.

With its unique combination of experience, technical expertise and know-how, WFS can propose solutions to meet the challenges resulting from today's fast-moving and complex airport operations.

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