23.09.2014 | AIRBRIDGECARGO AIRLINES FIRST FLIGHT GETS A SPLASHING WELCOME AT BASEL AIRPORT

The first flight of AirBridgeCargo Airlines, the largest Russian schedule cargo airline, part of Volga-Dnepr Group, touched down just before 4 p.m. on Friday at EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg.

ABC Boeing 747-8F was given a water cannon salute at touchdown, an airport tradition in the aviation industry when a new airline starts services.

ABC will operate the new weekly service to/from Basel on Fridays using Boeing 747 freighter with further onward connections to the major cities in Asia, including Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong, Zhengzhou, Chengdu, Seoul, and Tokyo, via its hub in Moscow.

'We are confident that the product we offer to the market meets the demand for cargo transportation services pharmaceutical products. We hope customers will appreciate the high level of reliability and on-time performance which already made the reputation of AirBridgeCargo Airlines in the world', said Robert Van de Weg, Senior VP Marketing and Sales, ABC.

AirBridgeCargo Airlines, part of Volga Dnepr Group, with its yearly tonnage compound growth rate of 39% is one of the fastest-growing air cargo carriers. It connects the world’s largest cargo flows from Asia to Europe and the United States via Russia. It operates modern and efficient Boeing 747 all-cargo fleet of 12 aircraft and maintains a high level of on-time performance which averages to 78%. Being an all-cargo carrier, ABC has an opportunity to adjust each of the four Boeing's 747 cargo compartments between 4-29 degrees Celsius, therefore ensuring safe and reliable transportation for the high-value pharma goods.

ABC is member of IATA, Cool Chain Association, TAPA, and Cargo 2000.

AirBridgeCargo is represented in Basel by its GSSA partner, RTW Air Services SA.