

## **18.09.2010 | ABC ADDS FOURTH DESTINATION IN CHINA THROUGH STRATEGIC CO-OPERATION WITH ZHENGZHOU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

*AirBridgeCargo Airlines is extending its all-cargo services from China with a new twice-weekly B747-400 freighter flight from Zhengzhou to Europe.*



Flights from the capital of Henan province depart from Zhengzhou International Airport every Wednesday and Saturday to ABC's hub in Moscow and then continue onto Frankfurt, Germany, connecting central China with Europe and Russia. AirBridgeCargo aims to increase frequencies to four B747F flights per week by the end of the year.

The inaugural flight is the first result of the strategic cooperation between ABC and Zhengzhou

International Airport. Following the accelerated development of inland regions prioritized by China Central government, Henan province - as the most populous province in China with a population of over 100 million - is attracting investment from major export-oriented manufacturers.

Companies investing in the region appreciate the advantages of the province's well developed land transportation network, favorable investment climate, and access to land, labor, and other resources at competitive cost. The new air cargo service offered by AirBridgeCargo from Zhengzhou is logical step in developing a complete logistical infrastructure in Central China, so far under-served by international all-cargo airlines. The link between Zhengzhou and global cargo markets will also benefit the development of neighboring cities such as Wuhan, Chongqing, and Chengdu, that will have easier and better access to airfreight capacity.

For AirBridgeCargo Airlines, the largest and fastest-growing scheduled cargo airline in Russia and the CIS, Zhengzhou is its fourth destination in China, joining Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong- largest air cargo hubs of China. Since its foundation in 2004, ABC has been steadily increasing its presence in China, currently offering double daily service to Shanghai, and daily flights to both Beijing and Hong Kong using its modern and growing fleet of B747-400F aircraft, AirBridgeCargo provides significant benefits for businesses trading between China and Europe, offering the shortest flying time, a wide choice of destinations, high frequency services and efficient connectivity, including to Paris, the airline's latest European destination.

In strategic cooperation with airport authorities, business partners, and the local freight forwarding community ABC is determined to further enhance its airfreight product in Central and Western China by steadily increasing the frequency of flights from Zhengzhou airport to daily in 2011.