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### 31.03.2010 | AIRBRIDGECARGO ADDS FIFTH BOEING 747-400F TO COMPENSATE FOR DELAYS IN B747-8F DELIVERIES

*AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC), the scheduled cargo subsidiary of Volga-Dnepr Group and Russia's largest international cargo carrier, has added a fifth Boeing 747-400 Freighter to its fleet.*



This latest investment increases the airline's total aircraft fleet to eight freighters, which includes two Boeing 747-200 and one B747-300 in addition the -400 versions.

ABC says the move will enable it to meet continued demand on key routes of its network and manage the delay in the delivery of its first new Boeing 747-8F. In 2010, Boeing had been due to deliver the first of five B747-8s ordered by Volga-Dnepr Group. However, Boeing is now forecasting delivery of the first next generation freighter in February 2011.

The additional B747-400 freighter joined the AirBridgeCargo fleet at the start of April and supports the airline's strategy of fleet and network expansion.

Tatyana Arslanova, ABC's Executive President said: "The decision to take this extra aircraft represents our commitment to continue our development plans despite delays in the delivery of brand new Boeing 747-8. By the end of 2009, we could clearly see that there are some markets in the world, such as Shanghai, that require increased aircraft capacity. With no Boeing 747-8 being delivered this year, the additional Boeing 747-400 will enable ABC to increase number of frequencies from Shanghai to 12 a week, thus providing our customers with more capacity as dictated by the market demand."