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16.09.2015 | AIRBRIDGECARGO AIRLINES REPORTS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH WITH TONNAGE UP 17% IN FIRST 8 MONTHS OF 2015

AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC), part of Volga-Dnepr Group and Russia's largest all-cargo carrier, is heading into the final quarter of 2015 with sustained growth after reporting a 17% year-on-year rise in tonnage for the opening eight months of the year.

In the period to the end of August, ABC transported 300,000 tonnes of cargo across its global network linking the largest trade markets of Asia, Europe, the USA and Russia. ABC's expansion strategy of entering new markets enabled the airline to achieve a stable load factor of 67% and increase freight ton-kilometers by 22%.

Traffic in August rose by 14% over the same month a year ago to over 39,000 tonnes, with FTK's climbing 15%.

Denis Ilin, Executive President of AirBridgeCargo Airlines, said: "This exceptional performance is the result of the combined work of ABC's global team. We are exerting our best efforts to maintain the level of growth we achieved in 2014 and to improve this by providing our customers with reliable and efficient transportation services. During the first eight months of 2015 not only have we been developing our route network and fleet but also investing heavily in service technology and attracting the best industry experts to support ABC's clients worldwide. I would like to thank every ABC customer for their loyalty as always and my team for its commitment."

The professionalism of its personnel is one of the main drivers of AirBridgeCargo's 11 years of consecutive growth. The airline continues to recruit highly-skilled and experienced cargo professionals and to develop its sales network infrastructure with local ABC sales representatives at all of its online stations to support customers.

In 2015 to date, ABC has appointed regional sales managers and executives in Italy, Finland, Germany, Hanoi, the USA and Singapore. It has also strengthened its customer service and revenue capacity control teams both regionally and globally, centralised key account management and increased the number of personnel at its Moscow Sheremetyevo hub to provide smooth transit and transfer operations.