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AirBridgeCargo Airlines inks a leasing agreement with Sonoco to broaden its capabilities for abc pharma customers

AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC), one of the leading cargo carriers in the transportation of special cargoes, and Sonoco ThermoSafe, a leading global provider of temperature assurance packaging, have signed the leasing agreement for the PharmaPort® 360 temperature-controlled container.

Christopher Day, Director of Business Development & Innovation at Sonoco ThermoSafe and Yulia Celetaria, Global Director, Pharma, AirBridgeCargo Airlines

The announcement came during LogiPharma, Europe in Montreux, Switzerland with positive feedback from more than 950+ pharma supply chain leaders from various sectors - logistics, distribution, planning, IT, quality and sourcing. The recently signed agreement will bolster ABC's delivery options for

temperature-sensitive shipments and guarantee a broader choice of containers available for various pharmaceutical consignments.

‘We have been consistently developing and upgrading our abc pharma, offering our customers dedicated airlift for both passive and active ways of transportation. With PharmaPort® 360 being available for lease, we can guarantee much-needed air freight solution for pharmaceutical goods with precise temperature mode conditions and requirements to maintain an internal environment of 5°C. This is a quantum leap for our dedicated product, and we expect it to ramp up our volumes, as well as to gain interest in our services from new customers’, - highlighted Fedor Novikov, Deputy Director, Products of AirBridgeCargo Airlines.

The PharmaPort® 360 safely maintains the required temperature in various ambients from 60°C to -40°C and could be easily loaded onto standard NAS Series air cargo pallets. Its built-in GPS tracking and GPS Monitoring systems allow for transparent and accurate information to be available in the real-time mode. This, powered by ABC’s Control Tower 24/7 will eliminate the possibility for any deviations from the set point and will give the customers extra reassurance of safety and integrity of their shipments.

“We are very pleased to have this important agreement with AirBridgeCargo Airlines. Their focus on specialized temperature controlled cargo fits perfectly with the specialized thermal and data technology in the PharmaPort 360,” said Christopher Day, Director of Business Development & Innovation at Sonoco ThermoSafe. “As always, our focus is to make it as easy as possible for pharmaceutical shippers and forwarders to directly lease PharmaPort 360s from the leading airlines around the globe, and we are delighted to partner with AirBridgeCargo Airlines to do so.”

AirBridgeCargo has been aimed at strengthening its abc pharma specialty product to match the emerging demand for pharmaceutical shipments. With pharma products becoming more sophisticated and complex, the customers raise the bar of quality performance and ABC is moving forward to provide high-quality transportation services, powered by digital technologies, skilled personnel and modern fleet with advanced technical capabilities. For the first three months of 2019 abc pharma team managed to achieve over 15% upsurge of volumes for temperature-sensitive pharmaceutical and other medical products. Its commitment to the highest quality standards has also been recently confirmed by Cargo iQ recertification.

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