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## Media Release

### Cargolux and Oman Air extended Indian freighter network to Mumbai

*Luxembourg/Muscat, 19 February 2016* – As a result of the successful cooperation between Cargolux and Oman Air for cargo flights to Chennai and in the frame of the cooperation agreement signed last year, Cargolux and Oman Air introduce an additional destination in India with two weekly flights to Mumbai, beginning on 8 March 2016.

Flight CV6102 leaves Luxembourg on Tuesdays at 12.25 p.m. and is routed via Bahrain where it arrives at 8.05 p.m. (all times local times). Leaving Bahrain at 10.05 p.m., the flight's arrival in Mumbai is scheduled for 4.05 a.m. on Wednesdays. The return flight, CV6113 leaves Mumbai on Wednesday mornings at 06.05 a.m. and arrived in Muscat at 07.00 a.m. before continuing to Luxembourg where it arrives at 12.40 p.m.

The second service, CV6105 leaves Luxembourg on Fridays at 02.15 p.m. and is routed via Kuwait where it arrives at 10 p.m. Leaving at 11.30 p.m., It arrives in Mumbai on Saturday mornings at 05.40 a.m. and goes on to Muscat at 8 a.m. as CV6116. Arrival in Muscat is set for 08.55 and the flight arrives back in Luxembourg on Saturdays at 14.35 p.m.

With these flights, Cargolux and Oman Air underline their leading role as providers of high-quality air cargo service into India. They offer fast and reliable connections to an ever-growing market that has witnessed increasing demand for import and export cargo capacity.

"We are pleased to announce that Oman Air and Cargolux offer a new twice-weekly cargo service between Luxembourg and Mumbai, starting from 8 March" says Abdulrahman Al Busaidy, Chief Operating Officer of Oman Air. "Our product advantages include the carriage of project cargo, livestock, cargo aircraft-only freight, odd size cargo, vehicles and aircraft engines. And, importantly, the new service will make an even greater contribution to the development of Oman as a global cargo hub. The Sultanate's geographical location and superb infrastructure, together with the partnership between Oman Air and Cargolux, ensure that it is rapidly becoming the first choice for transportation of cargo between India, the Middle East and Europe."

"We are happy to see our successful cooperation extend further," adds Niek van der Weide, Cargolux Executive VP Sales & Marketing. "Customers in Europe, as well as in Oman, have welcomed our service to India and can now enjoy our proven reliability and dedication to excellence in an even wider market. With India's growing importance as a manufacturing nation, we see a lot of future potential and possibilities for both our companies."

Oman offers an attractive geographical location with established airports, increased cargo handling facilities and newly constructed sea-ports. The agreement provides Cargolux with access to the belly capacity of Oman Air's passenger fleet, which operates to 11 destinations in India, as well as to destinations in East Africa. This gives the Luxembourg airline opportunities to feed consolidated freight to Oman from a number of larger markets.

In addition, it enables both carriers to further expand their common cargo operation and build on the range of cargo initiatives and innovations they have introduced over recent years.

### **About Cargolux Airlines International**

*Cargolux, based in Luxembourg, is Europe's leading all-cargo airline with a modern and efficient fleet composed of 13 Boeing 747-8 freighters and 12 Boeing 747-400 freighters. The Cargolux worldwide network covers 90 destinations, some 70 of which are served on scheduled all-cargo flights. The company has more than 85 offices in over 50 countries, and operates an extensive global trucking network to more than 250 destinations as well as full and part-charter services. Cargolux also offers third-party maintenance at its modern two-bay maintenance hangar in Luxembourg. The company is specialized in B747 line and hangar maintenance up to and including C-Checks. It offers a range of specialized maintenance services and holds line maintenance approval for 777 aircraft. The Cargolux Group employs close to 1,900 staff worldwide.*

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### **About Oman Air**

*Oman Air, the national carrier of the Sultanate of Oman, was founded in 1993 and has evolved into an acclaimed international luxury airline with an Official 4 Star Airline ranking from Skytrax. With a fleet of 40 aircraft flying to over 49 destinations across the Middle East, Europe, Asia and Africa, Oman Air's hospitality, comfort and space offer all customers a seamless passenger experience, whether they are travelling in First Class, Business Class or Economy Class. The airline's commitment to quality and innovation has seen it pioneer inflight mobile phone and wi-fi connectivity and receive awards from prestigious organisations in the Middle East, Europe and Asia, including 'Best Business Class Seat in the World' at the Skytrax World Airline Awards 2011 & 2012, 'Leading Economy Class Airline Middle East' at the World Travel Awards 2013, and Gold Awards at the TravelPlus Airline Amenity Bag Awards in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. Furthermore, Oman Air has won the 'Best Airline Staff Service' award 2014 at the prestigious World Airline Awards run by Skytrax, and most recently during the World Travel Awards 2015, Oman Air was named 'World's Leading Airline Economy Class', also the Airline's lounge at Muscat International Airport won the 'World's Leading Airport Lounge Business Class' award.*

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