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IAG CARGO ANNOUNCES INCREASED CAPACITY ON THE LONDON TO SEATTLE ROUTE

IAG Cargo today announces that due to an increased frequency of British Airways passenger flights between London and Seattle, it will be able to offer customers additional freight capacity on this route. The three new flights will commence on the 27th October 2013 and will be serviced by a Boeing 777-200. Customers will benefit from increased access to IAG Cargo's cargo network, which supports more than 350 destinations worldwide.

Departing on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, the new flights bring the weekly total on the Seattle route to 10 frequencies. This will provide IAG Cargo customers with a greater flexibility over when they send consignments and will allow them to ship an increased weight of cargo, with additional available capacity of 108 tons per week.

Seattle is a growth market for IAG Cargo, with a strong catchment area that includes the medium-sized manufacturing bases of Portland and Boise. In 2012, the London-Seattle route generated 4,660 tons of cargo, including everything from aircraft parts and perishable goods, such as ferns and cherries, to consumer goods and e-retail purchases, sent to markets across the world.

Joe LeBeau, VP North America at IAG Cargo, commented: "The additional flights will prove highly beneficial to IAG Cargo's business, allowing us to bolster our offering in a market that is always on the lookout for more cargo capacity. Our aim as a carrier is to support global businesses and by having our capabilities enhanced in this way, we take another important step forward towards meeting this goal."

IAG Cargo operates 55 wide bodied flights per day from the USA and Canada. This equates to over 800,000 kilos shipped from the area every day. The carrier also operates three 747-8 freighters per week on the US route.

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Notes to editors

IAG Cargo is the single business created following the merger of British Airways World Cargo and Iberia Cargo in April 2011. In April 2012, IAG completed the purchase of bmi, including bmi Cargo.

In 2012 the operations of British Airways World Cargo and Iberia Cargo had joint turnover of €1,217 million. They have a combined workforce of more than 2,700 people covering a global network of over 350 destinations.