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### **Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between Eastern Air Logistics and lux-Airport**

lux-Airport, operator of Luxembourg Airport, and Eastern Air Logistics (EAL), one of the largest air cargo terminal operators at Shanghai Hongqiao and Pudong Airport, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote the transportation of time- and temperature-sensitive medicinal products for human use, in accordance with the European Union and World Health Organization Good Distribution Practice (GDP) certifications.

The signing took place on June 15th, 2016 in Shanghai, during the Air Cargo China 2016 exhibition and conference.

EAL and lux-Airport, with the support of their local partners, will exercise their best efforts to maintain a fully "Good Distribution Practice" secured End-to-End Trade Lane focused on the transportation of healthcare products between Luxembourg and Shanghai. By doing so, the parties display their commitment to ensuring the quality and integrity of pharmaceutical and healthcare products on the ground and in the air.

The commitment of both parties includes the following:

- ✓ support safe and secure movement of healthcare products between Shanghai and Luxembourg;
- ✓ educate local and global businesses of the added value obtained by trading with "Good Distribution Practice" certified partners;
- ✓ verify that all participants in the chain of transportation monitor performance indicators and maintain a quality system in respect of their activities.

In general, parties will develop and strengthen communication, and commercial and operational cooperation, in matters related to the transportation of healthcare products.

This agreement strengthens links between two continents, Asia and Europe, and two GDP certified cargo airports specialized in pharmaceutical products handling, namely Luxembourg and Shanghai. This agreement aims at ensuring GDP compliance for transportation of pharmaceutical products by air for the benefit of all stakeholders.

**Johan Vanneste, CEO of lux-Airport, said:** *“I am delighted to establish this mutually beneficial cooperation agreement between Eastern Air Logistics Co., Ltd.(EAL) and lux-Airport. This is the second such agreement we sign and I noticed some other airports are now copying us. I am convinced this is a very interesting and unique development for shippers of valuable pharma shipments, and that it will stimulate traffic between Shanghai, the world’s third largest cargo airport, and Luxembourg. We will actively stimulate that all parties involved in the chain of transportation at our respective airports are brought together and cooperate to the best of their efforts.”*

**Mr. Jin Xu, Vice President of EAL, said:** *“This Memorandum of Understanding between EAL and lux-Airport makes perfect sense as it enables us to create a GDP\_standard pharma trade lane between us. This is a significant step in EAL’s strategy to build a global pharma hub and spoke system that embraces all key world markets. By signing this significant MOU with lux-Airport who is also world-known by handling pharmaceutical and healthcare products in the industry, EAL shall cooperate closely with our strategic partner and make unremitting efforts to promote the development of GDP business in local emerging market. By establishing such a fully GDP secured End-to-End trade lane for pharma and healthcare shipments, we shall stand together to provide more comprehensive, professional and reliable services to all kinds of our clients in this high-valued specific market in the bright future.”*

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#### **About Eastern Air Logistics Co., Ltd. (EAL)**

*EAL is one of the largest air cargo terminal operators at the world’s number three cargo hub, Shanghai, where it handles for 45 scheduled airlines and 300 their freight agent customers. Its new PVG West Cargo Terminal base is the largest and most sophisticated monocase air cargo handling facility in China, with a design capacity of 1 million tonnes per annum. EAL is the first air cargo terminal operator in Shanghai to achieve GDP accreditation, and operates a “Green Route” that fast-tracks and protects time- and temperature-sensitive pharma and healthcare shipments between the aircraft side and warehouse storage facility.*

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#### **About lux-Airport - [www.lux-airport.lu](http://www.lux-airport.lu)**

*lux-Airport is the management company of the international airport of Luxembourg. It provides direct flight service to 70 destinations and employs 218 people. lux-Airport welcomed nearly 2.7 million passengers in 2015, up by ca. 9% from 2014. It handled 737,625 tonnes of freight in 2015 (up by 4.2% from 2014), a performance which represents the best total since 2008 and a 3rd consecutive year of growth, making Luxembourg Airport the 5th freight platform in Europe (exclusive of express freight).*

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