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### **ANTONOV AIRLINES TRANSPORTS GIANT HELICOPTER FROM ITS NEW UK HEADQUARTERS**

*New loading gear designed by ANTONOV Airlines speeds up the move*

**London, UK, Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017** – ANTONOV Airlines has carried out its first charter operation from its new UK headquarters at London Stansted Airport using machinery, which it designed to speed up loading of a giant helicopter.

The cargo, a British-manufactured helicopter measuring almost 4.4 metres high, travelled from the UK to Southeast Asia on one of the airline's seven AN-124-100 freighters.

It was loaded at the Diamond Hanger at London Stansted Airport, the new UK home of ANTONOV Airlines.

"It is a wonderful coincidence that one of the UK office's first operations should take place on its doorstep," said Paul Bingley, Commercial Manager, ANTONOV Airlines, who organised the charter.

"Such close proximity allowed us, not only to successfully test our specially-designed loading equipment, but also to work much more closely with our customer."

"You could say we arrived in the right place at the right time."

ANTONOV Airlines was the first to offer the 150-tonne payload AN-124 commercially more than 27 years ago. The airline also operates the world's largest aircraft, the 250-tonne payload AN-225 and a 60-tonne payload AN-22.



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“Our team in Kiev was pleased to work closely with our UK office for this move,” said Andriy Blagovisniy, Head of Commercial Development, ANTONOV Airlines.

“Our in-house engineering expertise meant we were able to deliver an expert solution for this aerospace customer and we look forward to supporting many more companies in the defence, energy, humanitarian, industrial, automotive, and oil and gas sectors.”

ANTONOV is the design and maintenance authority for the AN freighter fleet, and boasts 13,000 employees providing technical expertise for moving project and outsized cargo safely and economically around the world.

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Front Row (Left to Right): Martin Banns, Commercial Executive, Paul Bingley, Commercial Manager, and Martin Griffiths, Commercial Manager, all ANTONOV Airlines



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Back Row (Left to Right): Michael Goodisman, Business Development Director, Graham Witton, Managing Director, and Paul Furlonger, Director, all ANTONOV Airlines



ANTONOV Airlines' AN-124-100 freighter at London Stansted Airport

## ABOUT ANTONOV AIRLINES

ANTONOV Airlines specialises in the transport of outsized and project cargo worldwide using its fleet of seven AN-124s with up to 150 tonnes payload, its 60-tonne payload AN-22, and its unique 250-tonne payload AN-225, which is the largest aircraft in the world.

More than 28 years after launching as the first company to offer the AN-124 commercially, ANTONOV Airlines continues to deliver air cargo solutions across the aerospace, defence, energy, humanitarian, industrial, automotive, and oil and gas sectors.

ANTONOV Airlines is a division of ANTONOV Company, headquartered in Kiev, Ukraine and a Ukrainian state-owned enterprise, which designs, develops, produces, and maintains the AN freighters.



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The UK Office of ANTONOV Airlines is based at Diamond Hangar, London Stansted Airport.

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