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ATRAN AIRLINES OPTIMIZES CONNECTION BETWEEN CHINESE RETAILERS AND RUSSIAN CONSUMERS WITH NEW ROUTE FROM XI'AN TO MOSCOW

Atran Airlines, the Russian air express carrier within Volga-Dnepr Group, has launched a new route linking Xi'an, China, with Moscow, Russia. The first flight was operated by one of Atran's Boeing 737-400SF freighters with further plans for Boeing 737-800BCF deployment to be able to guarantee up to 23 tonnes of cargo capacity per flight.

The company's first flight was operated with the great support and close cooperation of Russian Post.

Being the second largest airport in Northern China, Xi'an Xianyang International Airport offers less congestion and welcomes new air cargo carriers to accommodate the emerging growth of cross-border e-commerce shipments between China and Russia.

"Embracing new destinations and leveraging emerging markets for cross-border shipments are on the radar of our business development. With global e-commerce growing at 20% per year and forecast for a nearly 15% uptick in Russia over the next three-four years, the demand for high-quality air cargo services will be high. We are ready to guarantee this in close partnership with



The Atran Airlines crew at Xi'an Xianyang International Airport ahead of the first departure to Moscow Sheremetyevo airport.

Russian Post and China Post," highlighted Dmitry Obsharov, General Director of Atran Airlines. "Being part of 'Belt and Road' initiative, this ancient capital of China will undergo developments which will facilitate its transformation into a multi-modal hub with emerging volumes going through the airport," he added.

Atran Airlines has been focused on accommodating the evolving traffic of online purchases between China and Russia, and on meeting the tightening timeframes of international delivery. Its recently expanded fleet, which now

comprises Boeing 737-400SF and Boeing 737-800BCF cargo aircraft, will support the company's network expansion and guarantee maindeck capacity for its customers.

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