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Oman Air-Cargolux cooperation adds second flight to Chennai

Luxembourg, 11 August 2015 - The partnership between Oman Air and Cargolux, launched in April 2015, will be introducing a second frequency to Chennai from 11th August 2015.

The addition of Chennai to the Oman Air Cargolux network is the cooperation's latest step in expanding its air freight services from Oman to India. The cooperation was established to enable Oman Air and Cargolux to jointly access new freighter destinations and contribute to the development of Oman's logistics hub. It will allow Cargolux to utilize Oman Air's experience of flying to a range of global destinations, including 11 destinations in India. In addition, it enables Oman Air to further expand its cargo operation and build on the range of initiatives the airline has introduced over recent years.

Mafoodh Al Harthy, Chief Office Sales at Oman Air, said:

"We are pleased to announce that Oman Air and Cargolux will now operate two full freighter flights from Chennai to Muscat. The new service will enable us to strengthen our presence within the Indian market by accessing the industrial belts of South India.

"Vitality, however, they will also give an important boost to the development of the Sultanate of Oman as a global cargo hub. Our new services will generate increased cargo traffic that will not only attract important revenue streams, but will also demonstrate to the global market the outstanding, modern cargo infrastructure that Oman offers.

"We look forward to seeing our new services to Chennai rapidly become a cornerstone for the transportation of cargo between India, the Middle East and Europe."

It is anticipated that the partnership will build on the success of the newly-launched services by expanding its air freight services from Oman to destinations in China, Europe, Africa and the United States.

Niek van der Weide – EVP Sales & Marketing, Cargolux Airlines, further added:

"The importance and value of the cooperation and partnership with Oman Air which made the reintroduction of cargo services to India possible and, effective August 11th, we will go to 2 weekly flights ex Chennai"

“India will be a very important market for Cargolux in the future and we will look at further expansion soon with planned addition of Bombay as a 2nd destination.”

At the joint event celebrating the cooperation between Oman Air and Cargolux in Chennai on 6 August where over 100 customers attended the presentation and dinner very positive feedback was received from the market on the capacity growth of the both partners in India

About Cargolux Airlines International

Cargolux, based in Luxembourg, is Europe’s leading all-cargo airline with a modern and efficient fleet composed of 12 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 B777 aircraft.

Cargolux employs over 1,700 staff worldwide.

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About Oman Air

Oman Air is the flagship carrier of the Sultanate of Oman and an Official 4 Star Airline (Skytrax 2011). Founded in 1993, the airline has since witnessed massive growth and has played a major role in making Muscat an important traffic hub in the Middle East, supporting the commercial, industrial and tourism sectors.

The airline currently operates direct international flights from Muscat to Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Doha, Dubai, Jeddah, Riyadh, Dammam, Madina, Tehran and Kuwait, in the Gulf region, as well as Cairo, Beirut and Amman within the wider Middle East region.

In addition, Oman Air flies to ten destinations in India (Mumbai, Chennai, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Hyderabad, Delhi, Lucknow, Bangalore, Kozhikode and Jaipur), Chittagong in Bangladesh, Karachi, Islamabad and Lahore in Pakistan, Kathmandu in Nepal and Colombo in Sri Lanka. The airline also flies to the Maldives, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Jakarta, Zanzibar and Dar Es Salaam. Its European

destinations are London, Milan, Munich, Frankfurt, Paris and Zurich. Oman Air also has codeshare agreements with a number of airline partners.

Oman Air's fleet consists of ten Airbus A330-200/300s, 21 Boeing 737-700s/800s/900s, four Embraer E175s and one ATR 42. Six Boeing 787 Dreamliners are on order for delivery from 2015. Five more Boeing 737-800s and four 737-900ERs will be added to the fleet from 2015. By 2016, Oman Air's total fleet size is expected to be around 50 aircraft.

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