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ANTONOV AIRLINES TRANSPORTS WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL TURBOFAN ENGINE TO GROUNDED AIRCRAFT IN CANADIAN ARCTIC

ANTONOV Airlines, working with Air Charter Service, has delivered the world's most powerful turbofan engine model to a grounded B777-300 in sub-zero temperatures and brought the unserviceable engine to the UK

London, UK, Wednesday, 22nd February 2017 –ANTONOV Airlines has delivered a new engine to a B777-300 grounded in Iqaluit, in the Canadian Arctic, following an emergency landing by the jet.

The engine, a General Electric GE90, was delivered safely to the grounded Swiss International Air Lines aircraft, less than 48 hours after the jet landed in Canada.

It was transported on one of ANTONOV Airlines' seven AN-124s.

The AN-124 remained in Iqaluit for a total of five days, in temperatures of around minus 35 degrees Celsius, with a wind chill of minus 52 degrees Celsius, while the unserviceable engine was removed and the new engine was installed on the jet.

The unserviceable engine was then loaded onto the AN-124 and transported to East Midlands Airport, UK.

"It was important to get the new engine to Canada as soon as possible after the incident, and be flexible enough to stay on the ground for as long as was needed," said Martin Banns, Commercial Executive at ANTONOV Airlines in the UK, and responsible for organising the flight.



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“Remarkably, despite sitting on the ground for five days in those extreme temperatures, our AN-124 required no de-icing due to a lack of moisture in the air.”

The GE90, which is the most powerful turbofan engine in the world, measured 725cm in length, 378cm in width, and was 399cm high. It weighed 13 tonnes.

The AN-124, with a payload of up to 150 tonnes, is one of the world’s biggest aircraft. ANTONOV Airlines also operates the world’s largest plane, which has a payload of 250 tonnes, the unique AN-225.

Passengers and crew on board the Swiss International Air Lines flight from Zurich, Switzerland, were safely flown on to their destination in Los Angeles, USA, within hours of the emergency landing in Canada.

ANTONOV Airlines last flew to Iqaluit 20 years ago in 1997.

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Photo courtesy of Caleb Little

The AN-124 landing in Iqaluit, Canada



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The GE90 being loaded in Zurich, Switzerland

ABOUT ANTONOV AIRLINES

ANTONOV Airlines specialises in the transport of oversized 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



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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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