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## Emirates SkyCargo Expands Indian Subcontinent Operations

**LONDON, UK – 13 November 2013** - Emirates SkyCargo, the freight division of Emirates, is expanding its operations in the Indian subcontinent following the recent launch of Emirates services to Sialkot, the airline's fifth route in Pakistan.

Supporting the thriving trade between the Indian subcontinent and the rest of the world, [Emirates SkyCargo](#) now offers a weekly capacity into and out of the region of 10,900 tonnes.

"With the new service to Sialkot, which is a major manufacturing hub in Pakistan, we are creating a new lane that will give local businesses access to trade opportunities across Emirates SkyCargo global network of more than 130 destinations, particularly in Europe, United States, Australia and the Middle East," said Nabil Sultan, Emirates Divisional Senior Vice President, Cargo.

With the addition of Sialkot, Emirates will operate 63 flights a week between Dubai and Pakistan offering 1,400 tonnes of cargo to Pakistan, giving a 5% boost to cargo capacity.

"When combined with the efficiency of one of the youngest fleets in the skies, unrivalled ground-handling facilities, and the very latest information technology, Emirates SkyCargo is the ideal partner for Sialkot based businesses as they look to boost trade." added Mr Sultan.

The Dubai-Sialkot service is operated four times a week by an Airbus A330-200, providing a total weekly cargo capacity of up to 68 tonnes per direction, giving a boost to trade opportunities.

Key Sialkot exports include sports goods and clothing, gloves, surgical instruments, cutlery, ceramics and leather garments, and will be transported to the UAE and throughout Europe, US, Australia and Middle East. In the other direction, raw materials for manufacturing these products will be the leading commodities imported from Europe and the Middle East.

Pakistan was the first country on Emirates route network when it launched services to Karachi in 1985. From 2007 until 2012, Emirates carried 108,000 tonnes of cargo on its belly-hold flights to its four gateways in Pakistan: Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore and Peshawar.

Current bilateral trade between the UAE and Pakistan stands at US\$7.6 billion, indicating the remarkable potential of the new trade route. Today, 27 Emirati companies operate in Pakistan in an array of sectors including telecommunications, banking and aviation. The volume of business through joint ventures stands at US\$21 billion.

Emirates flight EK620 departs Dubai at 04:15 and arrives in Sialkot at 08:20 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. The return flight EK621 leaves Sialkot at 09:45, arriving in Dubai at 12:35.

Emirates' 207-strong [fleet](#), one of the youngest in the skies, serves 137 destinations in 77 countries on six continents. Emirates SkyCargo operates 12 freighters (two Boeing 747-400 ERFs and 10 777Fs). Scheduled freighter services now operate to 43 destinations around the world.

Testament to its policy of excellence in every area of operation, SkyCargo has in recent times been presented with a number of prestigious industry awards. These include, 'Cargo Airline of the Year 2013' (Air Cargo Week), 'Cargo Airline of the Year 2013', 'Best Middle East Cargo Airline' (both Air Cargo News), 'Best Air Cargo Carrier Middle East' (AFSCA), 'Cargo Operator of the Year' (SCATA) and 'Air Cargo Excellence Award' (Air Cargo World).

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An Emirates Airbus A330-200 that is used on the Sialkot route.

**About Emirates SkyCargo**

Emirates SkyCargo is the freight division of Emirates. Reflecting Emirates' overall policy of excellence in every area of operation, Emirates SkyCargo's investment in highly-qualified staff, the very latest information technology, the most efficient aircraft and the finest ground handling facilities, has made it a significant force in the global air cargo industry. According to the latest World Airline Transport Statistics published by IATA, Emirates SkyCargo is now ranked number one amongst the top airlines for scheduled Freight Tonne Kilometres flown internationally.

For further information on Emirates SkyCargo, please visit [www.skycargo.com](http://www.skycargo.com)

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