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ETIHAD CARGO EXPANDS INTO WEST AFRICA

- **Freighter service to Lagos (Nigeria), commences November 15**
- **From Lagos, 16 onward interline freight destinations**

Etihad Cargo, a division of Etihad Airways, will re-introduce a weekly freighter service from Abu Dhabi to the Nigerian city of Lagos, effective November 15.

The service will be complemented by the addition of 16 new interline destinations across West Africa.

These additional interline connections will link Lagos with the cities of Libreville (Gabon), Pointe-Noire (Congo-Brazzaville), Malabo (Equatorial Guinea), Douala (Cameroon), Accra (Ghana), Abidjan (Cote d'Ivoire), Nouakchott (Mauritania), Conakry (Guinea), Bamako (Mali), Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), Cotonou (Benin), Monrovia (Liberia), Freetown (Sierra Leone), Port Harcourt (Nigeria) and Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo).

The Abu Dhabi-Lagos freighter service will operate every Thursday using a Boeing 747-400F freighter, with a capacity of 124 tonnes.

Etihad Airways already operates six weekly Airbus A330 passenger services between the two cities.

Kevin Knight, Etihad Airways' Chief Strategy and Planning Officer, said: "West Africa is a hugely important market for us, and we are delighted to offer freighter services to and beyond one of its gateway cities – Lagos.

“The 16 new interline destinations, with connections over Lagos, will ensure Etihad Cargo has leading logistics solutions for cargo customers into and out of the region.

“Via Lagos, these new destinations will also help cement the ever expanding trade ties between West Africa and the UAE.”

Etihad Cargo’s existing African freighter destinations include: Johannesburg, Nairobi, Khartoum, Benghazi, Tripoli, Cairo, Casablanca, Addis Ababa and Eldoret.

Etihad Cargo flies to a total of 86 destinations internationally, operating a fleet of six freighters, consisting of one Airbus A300-600F, two Airbus A330-200F, one McDonnell Douglas MD-11F, one Boeing B777F and one Boeing B747-400F.

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About Etihad Airways

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, began operations in 2003, and in 2011 carried 8.3 million passengers. From its hub at Abu Dhabi International Airport, Etihad Airways serves 86 passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas, with a fleet of 67 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, and over 90 aircraft on firm order, including 10 Airbus A380s, the world’s largest passenger aircraft. Etihad Airways also holds equity investments in airberlin, Air Seychelles, Virgin Australia and Aer Lingus. For more information, please visit: www.etihad.com

