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Hactl praises decision to build third runway

(20 March 2012, Hong Kong:) Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (Hactl) – the major air cargo handler at the world’s largest air cargo hub – has strongly welcomed the Hong Kong Government’s in-principle approval to adopt the three-runway option for the future development of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA).

Handling some 70 percent of general air cargo movements in Hong Kong, Hactl has grown in tandem with HKIA – the world’s busiest airport. It invested over USD1 billion in the construction of its SuperTerminal 1 facility at the new airport in 1998; thirteen years later, it is still the largest and most advanced in the world. Hactl’s annual cargo throughput (almost three million tonnes) already exceeds SuperTerminal 1’s original design capacity.

Hactl has been one of many businesses at the airport to support the campaign to construct the third runway. Says its Managing Director, Mark Whitehead: “The global airfreight market, and the market in this region in particular, is expected to grow in leaps and bounds in the next two decades. HKIA needs to grow to meet the increases in volumes, otherwise its status as the world’s No. 1 air cargo hub will be under threat.”

Whitehead says the airport community can now look forward to a much more positive future: “Airlines will have the room they need to grow here, bringing jobs and prosperity. The density of aircraft movements can be maintained at safe levels, and the avoidance of air traffic congestion will reduce the impact on the environment.”

Reacting to environmental concerns about the airport’s expansion, he adds: “It must not be forgotten that we are all residents of Hong Kong, and we all take a keen interest in protecting our environment. We recognise that the expansion and future operation of the airport must take place in a responsible fashion. So it is encouraging to see the many safeguards already being proposed, and the increasing use of the latest, fuel-efficient freighter aircraft is just one demonstration of the

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air cargo industry's commitment to protecting the environment. Hactl will certainly continue to play its own part in mitigating the industry's impact.”

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About Hactl:

Hactl was launched in 1976 at Kai Tak Airport, where it handled 175,000 tonnes of cargo in its first year of operation. In 1998 it relocated to its famous, custom-designed SuperTerminal 1 at the city's new Chek Lap Kok airport. This is still the world's largest single independent cargo handling facility.

Hactl has more than doubled its tonnage in the 13 years since it moved to SuperTerminal 1, with an all-time record throughput of 2.9 million tonnes in 2010.

Hactl's shareholders are Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd (41.67%), Hutchison Port Holdings Ltd (20.83%), The Wharf (Holdings) Ltd (20.83%) and China National Aviation Corporation (Group) Ltd (16.67%).

Key facts:

Hactl:

- Launched 1976
- Handling over 100 airlines including 53 freighter operators
- Added-value services (third party unit build-up/breakdown, Customs clearances, local collection/delivery, scheduled road feeders to/from 6 points in mainland China, X-ray scanning)
- Handles over 70% of total Hong Kong throughput
- Bespoke IT system COSAC-Plus (Community System for Air Cargo) links Hactl with airlines, freight forwarders, agents, Shippers/Consignees, Airport Authority, Civil Aviation Authority, Census and Statistics Department, and Customs and Excise Department

SuperTerminal 1:

- Opened 1998
- 390, 943 sq m floor area

- Airside frontage 1,940 m

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- Multilevel truck access and processing
- 3,500 bay, multi-level container storage system, served by 40 fully-automated driverless ATVs
- Additional storage for 1,573 empty units
- 10,000 bay automated stillage storage/retrieval system for loose cargo (box storage system)
- More than 400 pallet workstations
- 227 truck docks
- 2,700 staff
- Facilities for livestock/bloodstock, perishables (33 dedicated truck docks), valuables (dedicated zone for handling 9 armoured vehicles simultaneously), hazardous/radioactive cargo
- Over 1,000 CCTV cameras throughout; card-controlled access; personnel-free cargo storage zones
- Capacity: 3.5 million tonnes per annum
- All-time record throughput of 2.9 million tonnes in 2010
- Record throughput in one day: 10,184 tonnes
- Initial investment (1998) US\$1 billion

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