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QATAR AIRWAYS STARTS NEW CARGO ROUTE TO HYDERABAD

First Flight Welcomed By Water Cannon Salute

Dedicated Freighter Service To Operate Twice A Week

02 April 2014 - DOHA, Qatar – Qatar Airways Cargo celebrates the launch of its new freighter service to Hyderabad (India). The first flight from Doha arrived at Hyderabad’s Rajiv Gandhi International Airport on 1 April and was welcomed with a traditional water cannon salute.

In addition, a welcome reception was held at the Hyderabad Novotel Airport Hotel, to celebrate the start of the new, dedicated freighter service.

“Hyderabad is a key destination for Qatar Airways Cargo, and we are delighted to start our scheduled freighter service this month,” said Qatar Airways Chief Officer Cargo Ulrich Ogiermann. “We aim to be a world-class air cargo service provider, and this is why we are constantly expanding our worldwide network.”

Hyderabad is an important centre for the pharmaceutical industry, which is why main exports from Hyderabad will include pharmaceuticals. Qatar Airways Cargo will operate a twice weekly service, using the Airbus A330 freighter. Qatar Airways already operates a daily passenger flight between Doha and Hyderabad.





In addition to Hyderabad, Qatar Airways Cargo will begin scheduled dedicated freighter services to London Stansted (UK) on 2 May 2014.

Qatar Airways Cargo recently strengthened its product portfolio with the launch in January 2014 of two new premium services that optimise the transportation of time and temperature-sensitive goods, including high-value pharmaceutical products and perishables. The new services, QR Pharma and QR Fresh, add to the company's substantial range of cargo services and further enhance its capacity and flexibility to effectively move sensitive commodities in line with the highest world-class standards.

On 1 December 2013, the first Qatar Airways Cargo shipment was received at the new cargo facility at Hamad International Airport. The enormous, state-of-the-art facility, spanning 55,000square metres, contains a perishables storage area, amongst other key facilities, such as a live animal centre and dangerous goods area. The new self-contained terminal will handle 1.4 million tonnes of cargo per annum.

About Qatar Airways Cargo

Qatar Airways Cargo serves more than 40 exclusive freighter destinations worldwide via its Doha hub and also delivers freight to more than 130 key business and leisure destinations globally on 131 aircraft. The Qatar Airways Cargo fleet currently includes three Airbus A330F and five Boeing 777 Freighters. At the recent Dubai Airshow 2013, Qatar Airways placed a firm order for five new Airbus A330-200 Freighter aircraft. Also included in the order were eight additional A330-200F options, for a total of 13 aircraft.

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