

Hactl handles Vietjet

(Hong Kong, 25 January 2017) Fast expanding Vietnamese new-generation carrier VietJet has appointed Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Ltd (Hactl) – Hong Kong’s largest independent cargo handler – to provide cargo terminal operations for its newly-launched flights between Ho Chi Minh City and Hong Kong.

The daily services are operated with A320 aircraft from the airline’s young fleet of 42 A320 and A321 aircraft.

In the first nine months of 2016, Vietnam was Hong Kong’s fifth largest export market, and major export commodities included telecom equipment, meat products and electronic components. Imports from Vietnam grew 9.0% in the same period; major import items included electronic components, telecom equipment and footwear.

Says Vietjet’s Vice President Nguyen Thi Thuy Binh, “Hong Kong is a very important market for Vietnam, and also a key step in our airline’s development. We look forward to playing our part in facilitating increased trade on this route.”

Adds Hactl Chief Executive Mark Whitehead: “We congratulate Vietjet on the launch of this exciting new service to Ho Chi Minh, which provides access to an important destination for our customers.”

VietJet began operations in 2011, flying from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi. It has since expanded its network to include 37 domestic and 23 international destinations. The airline carried its 35 millionth passenger five years after its launch.

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About Hactl

Launched in 1976, Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (Hactl) is Hong Kong’s largest independent cargo handler, serving more than 100 airline companies and 1,000 freight forwarders. Its base, SuperTerminal 1, is Hong Kong’s largest cargo handling facility, with an annual design capacity of 3.5 million tonnes. Hactl’s subsidiary Haxis provides scheduled road feeder services to/from 7 key points in southern China’s important Pearl River Delta region. Hactl’s world-leading, self-developed IT system, COSAC-Plus, links it with airlines,

freight forwarders, agents, shippers/consignees, Airport Authority, Civil Aviation Authority, Census and Statistics Department, and Customs and Excise Department. 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%).

perishables (30 dedicated truck docks), valuables (dedicated zone for handling 9 armoured vehicles simultaneously), hazardous/radioactive

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About Vietjet

Vietjet is the first airline in Vietnam to operate as a new-age airline with low-cost and diversified services to meet customers' demands. It provides not only transport services but also uses the latest e-commerce technologies to offer various products and services for consumers. Vietjet is a member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) with the IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) certificate. The airline was also named as one of the Top 500 Brands in Asia 2016 by global marketing research company Nielsen and "Best Asian Low Cost Carrier" at the TTG Travel Awards 2015, which compiles votes from travellers, travel agencies and tour operators in and throughout Asia. The airline was also rated as one of the top three fastest growing airline brands on Facebook in the world by Socialbakers.

Currently, the airline boasts a fleet of 42 aircraft, including A320s and A321s, and operates 350 flights each day. It has already opened 60 routes in Vietnam and across the region to international destinations such as Thailand, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, China and Myanmar. It has carried nearly 35 million passengers to date. Looking ahead, the airline plans to expand its network across the Asia

Pacific region. To prepare for this plan, Vietjet has signed agreements with the world's leading aircraft manufacturers to purchase more brand-new and modern aircraft.

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