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Please find here a joint press release from Chapman Freeborn Airchartering and Volga-Dnepr Airlines

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CHAPMAN FREEBORN AND VOLGA-DNEPR DELIVER URGENT OUTSIZE PART TO KEEP OIL FACILITY OPEN



Chapman Freeborn Airchartering and Volga-Dnepr Airlines have helped to keep a key oil facility open by delivering a time-critical outsize part from Switzerland to Brazil.

A 28-ton rotor was flown from Zurich (ZRH) to Salvador (SSA) on a Volga-Dnepr Ilyushin-76TD-90VD freighter aircraft, chartered by Chapman Freeborn on behalf of an oil and gas industry client.

With the plant facing closure until the replacement part could be delivered, specialists at Chapman Freeborn's São Paulo office coordinated the time-critical operation which required special exemptions to allow for customs clearance during the weekend.

Assisted by Chapman Freeborn colleagues in Europe and Volga-Dnepr's professional loadmasters, the outsize equipment was carefully loaded into the aircraft using a 100-ton crane hired in for the project.

Maria Faria, Country Manager at Chapman Freeborn Brazil, said: "Our charter team was working on an extremely tight timescale and we're delighted to have successfully executed the operation for our client. I would also like to thank Volga-Dnepr for its support in making the timely delivery possible."

"Thanks to our exceptional teamwork we managed to resolve another challenge for the benefit of one of our key and longstanding customers. As the ad hoc transportation expert Volga-Dnepr provided the tailored solution to satisfy the customer's needs: we promptly made flight arrangements, performed single-piece cargo loading and unloading using our specially designed in-house tooling," commented Alexander Kartashov, Key Account Executive, Volga-Dnepr Airlines.

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About Chapman Freeborn

Chapman Freeborn was established in the UK in 1973 and the group's unparalleled global network comprises of over 30 locations around the world.

The company specialises in the charter and lease of fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft for a wide ranging client base including freight forwarders, multinational corporations, governments, humanitarian agencies and a host of industries around the globe.

In addition to cargo charters and on board courier (OBC) services, Chapman Freeborn offers specialist passenger services including private jet and helicopter charters for executive travel and large aircraft for crew rotations and international group travel.

About Volga-Dnepr

Volga-Dnepr Group is the world leader in the unique, oversize and heavy cargo market and the biggest Russian air cargo carrier. The Group's companies include the charter operator namely Volga-Dnepr Airlines and scheduled cargo airline AirBridgeCargo (ABC). Volga-Dnepr Airlines fleet includes 10 An-124-100 "Ruslan" and five modernized IL-76TD-90VD cargo aircraft. The current ABC fleet includes 14 Boeing 747s (five B747-400ERF, three B-747-400F and six B-747-8F). In June 2011 Atran Airlines was included in the Volga-Dnepr Group. At present, Atran's fleet consists of two Boeing 737-400SF freighters. Volga-Dnepr Technics (VDT) is a separate business unit within Volga-Dnepr Group. It provides a wide range of Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services for the Group's scheduled and charter cargo airlines as well as for third party customers.