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## AIRBRIDGECARGO STAYS STRONG WITH TONNAGE UP 16% IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 2015



## AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC), one of the fastest growing international scheduled cargo airlines, has continued its strong operating performance with tonnage up 16% in the first five months of 2015.

In the January-May period, the airline transported 180,605 tonnes across its global route network linking Europe, Asia and the USA via Russia.

Driven by strong customer support, ABC continued to expand its global network. In Asia, AirBridgeCargo increased its footprint by launching twice weekly flights from Hanoi with further onward connections to Europe and the United States via Hong Kong. In the North American market, which the airline has been successfully developing since 2011, it launched flights from Los Angeles, connecting the U.S. west coast with its global network.

Together with launching new online stations, ABC has strengthened its position in existing markets by adding more frequencies from Asia, Europe and the USA, reaching 48, 55 and 17 weekly departures per region respectively.

By introducing new destinations and additional flights, ABC has increased the number of available delivery solutions for its international customers via the airline's hub in Moscow. At present, AirBridgeCargo provides over 600 weekly connections via SVO with delivery times below 48 hours, including ground handling. The airline operates scheduled flights to 26 destinations in 14 countries using its fleet of 14 Boeing 747 family aircraft



Denis Ilin, ABC's Executive President, said: "Every decision we take in ABC is aimed at satisfying our customers' needs. Their growing support allowed us to be recognised as the 'best all-cargo airline' earlier this year and to continue outperforming the market with our FTK up 23.5% in the 5 months of 2015. ABC's international cargo team will use their best efforts to meet and wherever possible to exceed our clients' expectations, which in the end should lead to our joint success."





The carrier's main strategy in 2014 was to be able to respond quickly to market changes, while maintaining operational excellence for its customers, in particular through investing in improved processes at its main Moscow (SVO) hub.

"Customer loyalty and support, together with close monitoring of market changes and our ability to react quickly to both challenges and new opportunities, allowed us to remain highly competitive throughout 2014 and grow our business in what is still a highly turbulent air cargo environment. In 2015, ABC will continue to serve the main gateways in all the regions where we are present and ensure we offer sufficient cargo capacity to respond to the long-term volume requirements of our customers. At the same time we aim to further increase our network footprint by adding destinations to support smaller, niche or even short-term project business opportunities as we ensure our customers have the best access to the logistics solutions that suit them most. The geographic location of our hub in Moscow positions us perfectly to introduce services to literally any point in Europe and beyond. The global market will remain challenging in 2015 but I look forward with confidence that we will keep pace with the demand and opportunities that exist for us," Denis Ilin added.

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