

## press release

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### **Expeditors opens pharma hub at Brussels Airport**

**Brussel, 29 mei 2013:** Expeditors introduces a state-of-the-art facility for temperature critical products at BRUcargo, the dedicated cargo area at Brussels Airport. The new healthcare facility, in partnership with Aviapartner, is strategically located at a first line location at Brussels Airport. The direct ramp connection of the warehouse greatly minimizes the risk of transporting temperature controlled products off airport property to temporary storage. The 1500 m<sup>2</sup> facility is designed with the space and capacity to handle a wide variety of temperature sensitive shipment sizes. With both controlled room temperature (+15°C to +25°C) and refrigerated (+02°C to +08°C) fully monitored storage, the Expeditors healthcare facility will help shippers maintain product integrity while in-transit through BRUcargo.

Philip Dekker, Expeditors District Manager Belgium / Luxembourg : “Expeditors’ new healthcare facility is designed to address multiple in-transit needs of temperature sensitive regulated healthcare shipments. Our Brussels healthcare facility provides the pharma shippers a compliant and safe answer that will meet new EU GDP regulations in the airfreight supply chain while providing maximum protection and product integrity”

“For more than 2 years we are heavily investing in strengthening our position in the time and temperature controlled air cargo business”, said Steven Polmans, Head of Cargo at Brussels Airport. “Not only are we talking steps in improving our infrastructure, also on procedures and resources investments are made. Since almost a year now, we have a dedicated Cargo Account Manager working together with all stakeholders at our airport, but also with government and IATA, to facilitate the process where possible”. Nathan De Valck, Cargo Account Manager at Brussels Airport continuous: “This investment confirms the strategic position of Brussels Airport as a preferred gateway for time and temperature sensitive shipments. Expeditors is the next major forwarder in line that decides to invest in a dedicated cool storage facility allowing the consolidation of its pharma shipments through their hub at Brussels Airport.”

The commitment of numerous shippers, forwarders, airlines and handlers helps Brussels Airport to become an international hub for the air transport of pharmaceuticals and high-end medical products. It is one of the airport’s strategic objectives to provide more and better support to the many manufacturers of pharmaceuticals and high-end medical



products on the Belgian market. Brussels airport will continue to focus on time and temperature sensitive cargo, in cooperation with the local partners present at BRUcargo.

**About Expeditors**

Expeditors is a global logistics company headquartered in Seattle, Washington. As a Fortune 500 company, they employ over 13,000 trained professionals in a worldwide network of over 250 locations across six continents. Expeditors satisfies the increasingly sophisticated needs of international trade through customized solutions and seamless, integrated information systems.

**About Brussels Airport**

Brussels Airport is one of the largest airports in Europe, handling 18.8 million passengers and 475,000 tonnes of freight annually. Brussels Airport links the European capital with 231 destinations worldwide that are served by 88 different airlines: 74 passenger airlines and 14 full-freighter airlines (figures 2011).

Brussels Airport is dedicated to become the most European, most efficient and most welcoming airport in Europe. Brussels Airport caters for the specific needs of the business travellers, but also has the largest low-fare offer in Belgium.

Brussels Airport is operated by The Brussels Airport Company. The shareholders are the Belgian State (25 percent) and a consortium of private investors (75 percent).

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