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## **Feeling the heat: Ruslan International transports Steam Superheater from Austria to Saudi Arabia**

Ruslan International has moved a 60,000kg Steam Superheater from Austria to Saudi Arabia, demonstrating its extraordinary capability in heavy air cargo operations.

The Linz to Dammam flight was arranged in partnership with Panalpina, one of the world's leading providers of supply chain solutions, using one of Ruslan International's 17-strong fleet of AN124-100 aircraft. This is the latest in a long line of lifts performed by Ruslan International in conjunction with Panalpina, with each company bringing a wealth of experience and expertise to the job.

The load consisted of a 60,000kg Steam Superheater, for use in industrial processing, as well as 4,800kg of accessories. One of the key requirements of the mission was to transport the large and heavy load a considerable distance - 450km over land before it could even be loaded onto the aircraft at Linz. Transporting this load by road required several special permits, due to its width of 620cm, and was further complicated by the fact that the journey could only take place at night. Also, barriers, fences and a gate had to be removed so that it could enter the airfield.

Ruslan International provided extensive technical advice on load preparation, which included a visit by one of their load planning experts to the production site where the cargo originated, ensuring that the load made its journey without any issues.

Claire Simmonds, Marketing and Business Intelligence at Ruslan International, said, "This lift had a number of complexities, but through close collaboration with Panalpina, we were able to meet the challenge comfortably. Once again, this lift has shown both the capability of the AN124-100 aircraft, and the expertise of the team at Ruslan International."



## **RUSLAN International**

Robert Boetzer, Head of Charter & Emergency Services at Panalpina, said, “We are delighted that this project went off without a hitch. Meticulous planning and excellent communication were the keys to success, and Ruslan International has demonstrated why it is a leader in the field of heavy air cargo.”

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### **About Ruslan International**

Ruslan International was formed in July 2006, through a joint venture between Antonov Airlines and Volga-Dnepr Airlines.

With a combined fleet of 17 Antonov An124-100 aircraft and 25 years of expertise in operations, load planning and route planning, Ruslan International is able to handle any outsize or heavy air cargo challenge.

The company employs 38 staff and is headquartered at London Stansted Airport in the UK.

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