

Avianca Cargo Selects Descartes Cargo 2000(TM)

WATERLOO, Ontario, June 1, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Descartes Systems Group (TSX:DSG) (Nasdaq:DSGX), the global leader in uniting logistics-intensive businesses in commerce, announced that Avianca Cargo, a business unit of Avianca Holdings S.A. (NYSE:AVH) (BVC:PFAVH), has selected Descartes Cargo 2000(TM), a cloud-based service that provides reporting and analytics to help meet the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Cargo 2000 standards. This solution expansion adds to Avianca Cargo's use of Descartes' air cargo connectivity and messaging services.

Descartes is a fully-certified member of IATA's Cargo 2000 program and has supported the initiative since 1998. The Descartes Cargo 2000(TM) solution is a cloud-based service that helps carriers, such as Avianca Cargo, monitor shipments at a master air waybill level from airport to airport and provides the metrics and reporting needed to facilitate compliance with Cargo 2000 standards and benchmarks. Information provided by Descartes' solution offers reporting on data quality and trade lane performance, exception alerts and validations, route map creation, as well as comprehensive reports enabling carriers and forwarders to analyse the full lifecycle of each shipment.

Avianca Cargo also uses the Descartes Global Air Messaging Gateway solution to standardize and automate connectivity to trading partners, monitor shipment status and communicate status updates to both forwarders and consignees. Descartes' Global Air Messaging Gateway and Cargo 2000 solutions fully leverage the Descartes Global Logistics Network(TM) (Descartes GLN(TM)), an industry leading solution for multimodal, inter-enterprise electronic data exchange.

"We're pleased to help Avianca Cargo continue to offer its customers outstanding service and look forward to further expansion of our relationship with Avianca Cargo," said Jan Markill, Sales Director Europe, Middle East & Africa at Descartes. "Data quality and performance reporting on key shipment milestones are the foundation to best practices, such as Cargo 2000, that drive air freight industry service success."