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**IAG CARGO RELAUNCHES FULL CARGO OPERATIONS  
IN SRI LANKA**

**SRI LANKAN BUSINESS TO BENEFIT FROM  
CONNECTION TO IAG CARGO'S EXTENSIVE GLOBAL  
NETWORK**

IAG Cargo announces that from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 it will be offering a full range of cargo services on its new passenger flights operating out of Colombo. IAG's return to Sri Lanka comes after a 15-year absence. By extending its operations in Sri Lanka, IAG Cargo hopes to better support business in the region by opening up trade routes to the rest of the world.

The new route, which includes a stopover in the Maldives, will be operated three times per week using a Boeing 777 aircraft. The belly-hold capacity will benefit Sri Lankan business by providing global connectivity to the more than 350 destinations served by the IAG Cargo network.

Sri Lanka is an important centre of manufacturing for a wide range of goods including high-end retail, fruits & vegetables and rubber amongst others. Business in the country will now have complete access to the entire IAG Cargo product portfolio, enabling the rapid transit of a wide range of commodities including garments, perishables, valuables and

other specialist cargo. The new flights will build on IAG Cargo's existing cargo operations in Sri Lanka.

Pravin Singh, Area Commercial Manager South Asia at IAG Cargo, commented: "We have always had a strong bond with the Sri Lankan market and our announcement to return to the country has been met with excitement and warmth that is symbolic of the country. Our flights will provide the much needed direct lift into the United Kingdom with quick access to our vast network via our bespoke product portfolio."

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#### **Notes to editors**

IAG Cargo is the single business created following the merger of British Airways World Cargo and Iberia Cargo in April 2011. In April 2012, IAG completed the purchase of bmi, including bmi Cargo.

In 2012 the operations of British Airways World Cargo and Iberia Cargo had joint turnover of €1,217 million. They have a combined workforce of more than 2,700 people covering a global network of over 350 destinations.

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