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IAG CARGO OPENS NEW PHARMA CENTRE AT HEATHROW

IAG Cargo, the freight business of British Airways and Iberia, today announced that it has opened a new pharmaceutical centre at Heathrow airport, which is the latest step in the expansion of its Constant Climate service for transporting temperature-sensitive pharmaceutical material.

The new Constant Climate Centre handles and stores IAG Cargo's Passive and Active Constant Climate products. The new facility includes two temperature controlled zones – the first maintained at 2-8°C and the second maintained at 15-25°C – and accommodates 28 intact pallet positions or 56 AKE loading units at any one time.

Steve Gunning, Managing Director at IAG Cargo commented: “This new facility underpins just how important the pharmaceutical market is to IAG Cargo's growth strategy. The Heathrow Constant Climate Centre lies at the heart of one of the largest temperature-controlled cargo networks in the world, and will be a huge benefit to global pharmaceutical companies as they look for efficient routes to market.”

IAG Cargo's network covers more than 350 destinations worldwide and the company has one of the world's largest fleet of wide-bodied planes which can carry sizable cargo loads. There are over 80 Constant Climate stations across the globe, with the most recent additions including Lisbon and Latin America.

IAG's Constant Climate service ensures temperature sensitive shipments maintain a stable internal temperature regardless of changes in the ambient temperature. This solution supports temperatures from -20°C to +25°C and thereby protects the integrity and quality of pharmaceutical products.

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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.