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ETIHAD AIRWAYS AND JETTAINER LIGHTEN THE LOAD

Etihad Airways and Jettainer have partnered to launch a new lightweight and double-width Unit Load Device (ULD), known as type ALF.

Compared to traditional double-width ULDs which typically weigh in at 196 kilograms, the new ALF model is almost 34 per cent lighter at 130 kilograms, a saving of 66 kilograms per unit, and a potential weight saving of 116 kilograms per flight.

Etihad Airways will take delivery of 250 of the new ULDs this year, and the airline estimates that the significant weight reduction will result in fuel savings in the order of US\$350,000 in 2013 and approximately US \$1.1 million in 2014.

Projected cuts in CO2 carbon emissions are 1,100 tons for 2013 and 4,000 tons for 2014.

The certified ULDs have been developed by Zodiac Aerospace Air Cargo Equipment and are manufactured from a range of composite materials which guarantee strength.

David Kerr, Etihad Airways Vice President Cargo, said: “The introduction of these lightweight double-width units into our passenger and cargo operations is evidence of our innovative approach to

sustainable logistics and ensures that our services remain among the best in the world.

“Being more efficient in our operations, lowering our fuel burn, reducing our CO2 impact, and optimising our costs will continue to drive our business in the years ahead, and we look forward to working with Jettainer and its manufacturers to identify further opportunities for weight savings initiatives.”

Alexander Pluemacher, Managing Director of Jettainer GmbH, added: “We will continue to work with partners such as Etihad Airway and Zodiac Aerospace Air Cargo Equipment in order to further improve our products. We aim for exploring additional weight saving opportunities which will enable us to enrich our customer’s ULD fleets by even lighter units in the future.”

Photograph caption: The new double-width ULD awaits loading at Frankfurt International Airport.

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About Etihad Airways

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, began operations in 2003, and in 2012 carried 10.3 million passengers. From its hub at Abu Dhabi International Airport, Etihad Airways serves 92 passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas, with a fleet of 77 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, and over 90 aircraft on firm order, including 41 Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners and 10 Airbus A380s, the world's largest passenger aircraft. Etihad Airways also holds equity investments in airberlin, Air Seychelles, Virgin Australia, Aer Lingus and, subject to regulatory approval, will acquire 24 per cent of India's Jet Airways. For more information, please visit: www.etihad.com

About Jettainer

Jettainer is the world's leader in ULD management outsourcing services. Based in Raunheim, near Frankfurt Airport, Jettainer's 52 employees take care of managing an overall fleet of more than 65,000 ULDs for 13 customers at more than 350 airports throughout the world. Offices outside Raunheim are located at our main customer's operational hubs in Abu Dhabi, Duesseldorf, Philadelphia, Rome, Vienna and Zurich. Jettainer covers the complete value chain of ULD management, from purchasing of ULDs, repair, steering & management and IT to asset financing. Jettainer has rounded off its services by offering JettLease, a ULD short-term leasing service, since the fall of 2011.
