

## **AirBridgeCargo Airlines has been named 'Best E-Commerce Carrier' during the 7th Payload Asia Awards online ceremony**

*AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC), part of Volga-Dnepr Group and one of the leading all-cargo carriers with specialist services, has been awarded the prize as 'Best E-commerce Carrier' during the 7th Payload Asia Awards online ceremony.*



The Payload Asia Awards stands as one of the most prominent events, organized by the leading 'voice of the industry' in Asia – Payload Asia magazine. The organizers recognize the best companies in the air cargo market, notably, putting the spotlight on services that benefit the rising e-commerce market, with each nominee being evaluated by the esteemed panel of judges.

Joanna Li, Director - Strategic Partnership, Asia & Pacific, Volga-Dnepr Group, highlights: 'We would like to thank everyone who voted for ABC for their support and trust. This is a great acknowledgement

from the professional community of the specialist service we have been developing for the last five-six years. The e-commerce sector has been booming for the last decade in general and in 2020 in particular, driven by the pandemic situation and lockdowns.

We are happy that we could contribute to its surge with high-quality services provided onboard unique freighter fleet of Volga-Dnepr Group, especially Boeing 747 and Boeing 737 freighters, and guaranteed delivery of essential items to many consumers across the globe’.

Volga-Dnepr Group operates both scheduled and charter operations for its e-commerce customers using fleet capabilities of its unique freighters. During the peak seasons and under complicated market conditions, the Group utilizes its fleet of An-124-100/150 freighters to support e-commerce traffics between Asia and Europe and to manage the booming volumes overflowed from the traditional Boeing fleet.

Eric Lamare, Director of Scheduled Cargo Operations, APAC, AirBridgeCargo Airlines, adds: “Despite the challenging times, we were able to support our customers from e-commerce sector and managed to achieve an almost 9-fold increase in cross-border shipments delivering over 135,000 tonnes of cargo to various countries. This has been possible thanks to expertise and experience not only in the e-commerce sector, but also in the areas of dangerous goods, lithium batteries, high-tech and healthcare – the cargo, which sometimes comes as part of e-com shipments. We will continue supporting our customers further with more tailored solutions’.

ABC has been meeting the e-commerce sector requirements through introduction of new ULDs with extenders for bulk cargo to use the empty loadable space in lower deck compartment, development of IT hub and its integration with e-commerce stakeholders to guarantee 100% data transparency and accuracy, dedicated charter programmes, and many other initiatives which ramped up the company’s volumes and expertise. In 2021, such efforts will continue with introduction of new services which will surely bring new heights for the Group’s e-commerce development.

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