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Press release

## **Dynamic cargo business at Paris-Charles de Gaulle: Aéroports de Paris welcomes AirBridgeCargo**

Aéroports de Paris today welcomed the first AirBridgeCargo flight, one of the leading Russian cargo companies. It is thus the 3rd "all-cargo" company to choose Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport in 2010, after Air China Cargo in March and Trans Mediterranean Airways in July.

16 "all-cargo" operators now serve the platform. They are a demonstration of the attractiveness of Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport, the European leader for air cargo.

### **A major air-cargo player**



With over 2 million tonnes handled in 2009, Paris-Charles de Gaulle has maintained its position of European leader for cargo, despite the financial crisis, and has even managed to move one place up in the world ranking, going from 6th to 5th place.

The results for the first half of 2010 have confirmed a clear recovery of the cargo business, with an increase of 14.3% and 1.1 million tonnes of goods transiting via Paris-Charles de Gaulle.

### **And the strength to hold this lead**

Aéroports de Paris wants to make Paris-Charles de Gaulle an essential air-cargo centre to counter the competition from emerging countries and other European centres thanks to:

- A high-performance hub system providing freight companies with a large number of destinations in a very short time (23,800 connection opportunities in less than two hours each week - source Air France-KLM).
- A high processing capacity (3.5 million tonnes per year).
- High growth potential.

To respond to the changes in the sector, Aéroports de Paris is also involved in major collaborative projects with the main cargo stakeholders (customs, airlines, handlers, forwarding agents, etc.). The company is thus coordinating innovative projects such as the "Cargo Information Network" (ex-

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Aéroports de Paris builds, develops and manages airports including Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Paris-Orly and Paris-Le Bourget. With 83 million passengers handled in 2009, Aéroports de Paris is Europe's second-largest airport group in terms of airport passenger traffic and the European leader for freight and mail. With an exceptional geographic location and a major catchment area, the Group is pursuing its strategy of adapting and modernizing its terminal facilities and upgrading quality of services, and also intends to develop its retail and real estate business. In 2009, the group revenue stood at 2,633 million euros and the net income at 270 million euros.



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Cargo Community System), which aims to improve the efficiency of goods customs processing by computerising the procedures, or Hubstart Paris, an association of stakeholders promoting the Greater Roissy region on an international scale.

**A dynamic business sector**

Over 90% of air cargo in France is processed at Paris-Charles de Gaulle. This represents some 220 companies involved in the cargo activity and located on the platform, i.e. almost 17,000 jobs generated at the airport by this activity.

**Two questions for David Kem, Cargo operations and marketing manager, Paris-Charles de Gaulle**



**Have you noticed a change in the cargo activity since the crisis?**

*The recovery of the cargo activity, which has been particularly strong in Asia, has also been accompanied by major changes in the sector. Cargo is becoming increasingly important for the strategy of airlines, which would like to optimise their passenger flights.*

*We therefore observe a higher degree of synergy between "all-cargo" flights (exclusively dedicated to the transport of cargo) and so-called "mixed" flights (transporting both passengers and cargo). The vast majority of passenger aircraft also regularly transport cargo.*

*In the coming years, mixed cargo flights could even represent a larger proportion than "all-cargo" flights. This change should strengthen our attractiveness, as Air France-KLM and their allies now make Paris-Charles de Gaulle the most powerful hub in Europe.*

**How is Aéroports de Paris providing support for this change?**

*Aéroports de Paris is tailoring its ground logistics by adding new infrastructures dedicated to cargo. The development of a system such as the "Cargo International Network", which allows a reduction in the time required by customs to process goods by computerising the procedures, is another way of responding to the new strategies being adopted by airlines for air cargo.*

\* Airports Council International ranking

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