

## **Media Release**

## **Cargolux sponsors Solar Arctic Project**

*Luxembourg, 11 June 2018* – Cargolux is proud to, once again, take part in a pioneering solarpowered transportation project. The company will provide transportation for a prototype solarpowered boat, between Luxembourg and Calgary, Canada, ahead of an Arctic expedition.

The Solar Arctic project was initiated by DreamTime, a non-profit organization which deals with environmental awareness and climate issues. This expedition, undertaken by French navigator Anne Quéméré, is a solo journey in a prototype solar-energy propelled boat across the mythical Northwest Passage that links the Atlantic to the Pacific. This completely autonomous undertaking is an attempt to complete a 3,500 kilometre trip between Tuktoyaktuk, an Inuit village in Northwestern Canada and Pond Inlet, an Inuit village on Baffin Island.

This is an exciting new project for Cargolux to support as it is fully in line with the company's "lean and green" philosophy and its efforts to promote sustainable business within the industry. "Cargolux is proud of supporting the Solar Arctic project, which, like the Solar Impulse project, is an effort to explore new and innovative paths in the transportation industry", explains Moa Sigurdardottir, Head of Corporate Communications.

This is not the first time Cargolux supports a ground-breaking solar-powered expedition. In 2013 and 2015, Cargolux successfully transported the Solar Impulse airplane on two of its missions. For its first endeavour, the "Across America Tour", Cargolux brought the aircraft from Payerne in Switzerland to the NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Airfield in the United States, from where Solar Impulse flew across the country. For the second, more ambitious "World Tour", Cargolux ensured the solar airplane was successfully flown from Switzerland to Abu Dhabi. The Solar Impulse aircraft and the solar-powered boat used for the Arctic Solar project were both conceived and designed by Swiss visionary Bertrand Piccard.

## About Cargolux Airlines International

Cargolux, based in Luxembourg, is Europe's leading all-cargo airline with a modern and efficient fleet composed of 14 Boeing 747-8 freighters and 14 Boeing 747-400 freighters. The Cargolux worldwide network covers 90 destinations, some 70 of which are served on scheduled all-cargo flights. The company has more than 85 offices in over 50 countries, and operates an extensive global trucking network to more than 250 destinations as well as full and part-charter services.

Cargolux also offers third-party maintenance at its modern two-bay maintenance hangar in Luxembourg. The company is specialized in B747 line and hangar maintenance up to and including C-Checks. It offers a range of specialized maintenance services and holds line maintenance approval for 777 aircraft. The Cargolux Group employs close to 2,000 staff worldwide.

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