

Press release

LUG adds Czech Airlines Cargo to client list in Munich

Frankfurt/Main, September 2013 — Czech Airlines, the flag carrier of the Czech Republic, has signed a contract with LUG aircargo handling at Franz Josef Strauss airport Munich, effective September 1. The GHA will handle the freight of Czech Airlines' passenger planes as well as road feeder traffic. This includes cargo transported in cooperation with the carrier's interline partner All Nippon Airways (ANA) to and from Japan. ANA is a longstanding customer of LUG aircargo handling.

"Cargo volumes in Munich have developed very dynamically since we opened the station five years ago. At the beginning of the year we were able to sign on Rossiya Russian Airlines as a new customer, now Czech Airlines. That fills us with great satisfaction. We will be able to further expand our market share with these clients at the Munich freight hub. In Frankfurt, we are one of the leading, independent GHA since over 40 years," says Patrik Tschirch, MD and COO, LUG aircargo handling GmbH.

Czech Airlines, the flag carrier of the Czech Republic, is one of the oldest airlines in the world. Founded in October 1923, Czech Airlines has been serving German airports since its establishment. It started services to Munich, the Bavarian capital as a 6th destination in Germany in June 2013. In the coming winter season, 2013/2014, Czech Airlines will connect five German destinations – Berlin, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg and Munich with Prague with 61 weekly return frequencies. With additional road feeder services CSA offers perfect connectivity to and from Prague and beyond. Freight customers profit from the Czech Airlines' network focused on central and eastern Europe (serving for example eight points in Russia) as well as optimal global interline connections.

"We expect to increase our cargo volume in Munich by some 120 t as a result of the contract with Czech Airlines, especially in the area of express cargo and Far East exports. This successful carrier acquisition confirms that we are on the right course with our quality strategy. Besides ANA we count other well-known carriers such as Air Canada, South African Airways, and US Airways to our esteemed clients in Munich," adds Nina Hampel, Manager Key Accounts, Sales and Business Development, LUG aircargo handling GmbH.