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Liege Airport to host shippers meet on Humanitarian Aid at AIR CARGO AFRICA 2017

Johannesburg, October 7, 2016: Liege Airport, a premier cargo hub in Belgium, which plays a significant role in providing relief cargo to affected countries is hosting the Shippers Meet on humanitarian aid at AIR CARGO AFRICA 2017.

The fourth edition of AIR CARGO AFRICA 2017 International Conference & Exhibition organized by The STAT Trade Times, the flagship publication from the global multimodal transport media specialist the STAT Media Group is scheduled to be held from February 21-23, 2017 at the Emperor’s Palace, South Africa.

The global need for humanitarian aid has never been greater. According to a recent United Nations report, while at least $40 billion in humanitarian aid is needed annually to help victims of natural disasters and armed conflicts worldwide, the world spends only $25 billion a year on securing and getting food, water, shelter, medical supplies and other emergency resources to far flung regions.

When it comes to Africa, major catastrophes have been taking a toll on the continent over the years and the costs associated with rushing relief cargo has been high. Recently, the U.S. Agency for International Development announced $127 million in additional humanitarian and recovery assistance to people affected by severe drought in Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Madagascar, Lesotho, and Swaziland. With this announcement, the United States has provided nearly $300 million in humanitarian assistance to the region.

The air cargo and aviation industry, on their part, have been actively involved in providing global disaster relief by flying supplies to countries in need. In fact, a variety of alliances between airlines, aircraft manufacturers and non-governmental organizations (NGO) have been formed to step up humanitarian aid.

The Humanitarian Aid track, scheduled for Day 2 of the three-day event, is aimed at getting various stakeholders – airlines, aircraft manufacturers, NGOs and government authorities - involved in the transportation of relief cargo under one roof to discuss and deliberate on the challenges and the way forward for humanitarian aid.
The forum, one of its kind in the industry and unique in its format, provides an ideal platform for discussion, debate and exchange of views and ideas.

Attendance at Humanitarian Aid Shippers Forum is free to the shippers, but there are limited seats. To reserve your place or to find more details about the forum or AIR CARGO AFRICA 2017, please visit http://www.stattimes.com/aca2017/ ~ Ends ~

About Liege Airport:
Liege Airport is a leader of relief efforts, with ad-hoc flights to support the fight against Ebola in Africa and send goods to victims of the Nepal earthquake among various other response operations for disasters around the world. Liege Airport is dedicated to cargo since more than 20 years, and has become a global player in the cargo market. On a daily basis, wide-body freighters connect Asia, Africa and the Americas to Europe through Liege. The airport is the gateway for inbound and outbound airfreight for the European market; the location of the airport, at the crossroads of non-congested highways, allows minimum trucking time to ultimate destinations all across the continent. Liege is the airfreight hub for TNT Express and the home of TNT Airways. National flag carriers such as Ethiopian Airlines, Icelandair, El Al, UIA, Emirates and Qatar Airways operate freighters on a daily basis. Specialist cargo operators like CAL, NAS and Global Africa Cargo have established their hubs in Liege.

About the Organizer:
The STAT Trade Times (www.stattimes.com), a publication from the STAT Media Group, is a multimodal international transport trade publication in circulation since 1986. The magazine with a special focus on air cargo enjoys worldwide readership among the top leadership of every company in the air cargo industry. Apart from AIR CARGO AFRICA, STAT Times also organizes AIR CARGO INDIA, another popular biennial international event in India. Other publications from the group include Indian Transport & Logistics News (www.itln.in), Logistics Update Africa (www.logupdateafrica.com) and ACAAI News (www.acaainews.com).

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