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## IL-76TD-90VD is the perfect solution for 72-hour emergency charter request from Australia

**Volga-Dnepr operated its first IL-76TD-90VD flight from Australia with an emergency shipment of 10 metre pipes bound for Noumea in New Caledonia.**

The charter required a 72 hour response time over the course of a weekend and called for the use of an airline with a self-loading ramp freighter that was also able to meet the strict Australian civil aviation regulations.

Volga-Dnepr's IL-76TD-90VD was the perfect solution.

Unlike older versions of the IL-76, the modernised IL-76TD-90VD freighter is approved for worldwide operations and flies to and from Australia under an Australian Foreign Operators' Certificate issued by the country's regulatory authority, CASA.

Within hours of receiving the first charter enquiry, Volga Dnepr's commercial and operations departments had reviewed the load plan and taken care of the necessary contractual requirements for the flight. Given the time zone differences (Townsville + 10 and Noumea + 11), Volga-Dnepr's 24 hour operations department was a key element in meeting the rapid response time required for the flight.

The IL76TD-90VD arrived at the Australian airfield of Townsville on schedule and thanks to the expertise of the Volga-Dnepr team and the aircraft's unique onboard



cranes, loading of the pipes and 20 pieces of construction equipment took only two hours, half the time originally estimated.

A similar two-hour performance was achieved to unload the cargo on arrival on the South Pacific Island of Noumea.

The versatility of the IL76TD-90VD with its specialist onboard loading equipment, ramp loading capability, range/payload, unrestricted access into Australia, and Volga-Dnepr's inhouse services such as load planning 24hr/7day operations and commercial teams meant the emergency charter was successfully completed without any delays.

Having demonstrated the outstanding capability of the IL76TD-90VD to the Australian market, Volga-Dnepr now expects its modernised fleet to be a regular visitor 'Down Under'.

## 94 tons of equipment heads for Russia's diamond fields

**94 tons of diamond mining equipment was one of Volga-Dnepr's special deliveries in March.**

The shipment of compressors, generators, machinery and measuring equipment was ordered by FORACO SAS, a French drilling enterprise and a Lukoil contractor.

The AN-124-100 flight was from Calgary in Canada to Arkhangelsk in Russia.



# Construction equipment arrives to support 2014 Winter Olympics project



**Volga-Dnepr Airlines has delivered the first consignment of tunneling equipment to the Russian city of Sochi as it begins construction work of a new ground transport infrastructure in preparation for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games.**

The 94-ton outsize cargo was delivered from Novosibirsk to Sochi Airport onboard one of the airline's AN-124-100 freighters on behalf of OAO Bamtonnelstroy, a railway and road tunnel construction specialist and a contractor to OAO Russian Railways for the 2014 Olympics Project. The tunneling equipment will be used in railway and road tunnel construction.

Sergey Dyachkov, Senior Executive Vice President Operations for Volga-Dnepr Airlines, stated the airline's great pride in being part of the team supporting projects for the Olympics. "Volga-Dnepr has regularly participated in the implementation of projects run by the Government and

we are extremely proud to be making an important contribution to what will be another important event in Russia's history," he said.

The flight arrival was also a momentous day for Sochi Airport. "The arrival at the airport of the AN-124 freighter with construction equipment for the Olympic facilities is a significant event for the airport operating company," said Alexander Golovin, General Director, Sochi International Airport, "because it has given a stimulus to a programme of accepting freight which can be delivered to Sochi only by air."

In June 2007, Volga-Dnepr Airlines carried a 63 tonnes ice skating rink being used as part of Sochi's bid to win the 2014 Winter Olympic Games to Guatemala, where the International Olympic Committee was meeting to choose a host city for the 2014 Games. It formed the main arena for Russia's final presentation to the Committee.



The ice rink used as part of Russia's 2014 Winter Olympic bid is driven onboard a Volga-Dnepr AN-124 in Moscow in June 2007 ahead of its flight to Guatemala – supporting Sochi's successful bid to host the Games

## IL-76 carries Trent 772 engine for first time

**Volga-Dnepr Airlines has carried a Trent 772 aircraft engine onboard one of its IL-76 freighters for the first time to provide a fast AOG (Aircraft on Ground) response.**

Volga-Dnepr was contacted by the customer directly when it needed to transport an engine to the UAE for one of its Airbus A330 aircraft.

Due to the large dimensions of the 8,403 kilos Trent 772 engine - 500cm in length x 320cm wide x 305cm high – Volga-Dnepr had previously only carried these engines onboard its AN-124 and Boeing 747 cargo aircraft.

This is the first time this engine type has been loaded into the IL-76 due to the oversize nature of the cargo and the difference in loading procedures compared to the AN-124 and B747. To ensure the

flight didn't incur any delays, Volga-Dnepr and the customer agreed to combine the trial loading with the actual flight. The loading process was successfully completed without any problems and the flight was performed on schedule.



## A grandstand performance for biathlon tournament

**A Volga-Dnepr AN-124 freighter has delivered grandstands for spectators, shooting range target systems, information screens and other equipment needed for a meeting of many of the world's top biathlon athletes to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatski in Russia.**

The flight from Kuzan was to support a special tournament organised by Gasprom Corporation and featuring Russian biathlon trainer, Vitaly Fatyanov, who has successfully trained world champions Anatoly Zhdanovich and Alexander Tropnikov as well as double Olympic champion, Svetlana Ishmuratova.

Biathlon is a winter sport that combines cross-country skiing and rifle shooting or a summer sport featuring cross-country running with riflery. As well as members of the Russian National Biathlon Team, the event also attracted many of the brightest foreign biathlon stars.

The same AN-124 flight to Kamchatka also delivered the domes for an orthodox Russian church currently under construction on the peninsula. The 10 tons domes were disassembled for carriage.



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