

# BIG NEWS



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## Plenty of space for aerospace

This 70 ton satellite container and supporting equipment was carried onboard a Volga-Dnepr Airlines' AN-124-100 on May 14th for Space Systems/Loral, one of the world's premier designers, manufacturers, and integrators of powerful geostationary satellites and satellite systems. The flight from Moffett Field in the United States was bound for Cayenne in French Guiana, one of the most popular destinations for aerospace cargoes carried by Volga-Dnepr.



## More construction equipment heads for Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics venue

**Volga-Dnepr Airlines' involvement in the infrastructure project for the Russian city of Sochi to host the 2014 Winter Olympic Games is continuing with the latest delivery of 90 tons of tunnel boring equipment.**



The airline operated its first AN-124 freighter flight in March, also carrying tunneling equipment, as Sochi begins construction work of a new ground transport infrastructure in preparation for the Games.

The latest AN-124-100 flight departed from Khabarovsk on May 15 and stopped in Novosibirsk to pick up additional components before heading to Sochi.

The shipment consisted of a heavy bearing, a gear and a rotor for the tunnel-boring machine. Special equipment developed by Volga-Dnepr



Airlines was used for loading the oversized components in the freighter's cargo cabin.

The transportation was ordered by JSC Bamtunnelstroy, a long-term customer of Volga-Dnepr, acting as a subcontractor of Russian Railways for the construction of railway and road tunnels as part of Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics project.

# 47 ton kiln tyre moves to Indian cement plant



**A Volga-Dnepr Airlines AN-124 was chartered by ProAir in May to transport a 47 ton kiln tyre to a cement plant in India.**

The shipment, measuring six metres in diameter, was organized by the German logistics provider LPL Aircargo GmbH. The combination of tight timeframe and cargo dimensions dictated the use of an Anotonov 124 for the flight from Milan-Malpensa in Italy to Mumbai. LPL chartered the aircraft from Pro Air-Charter-Transport GmbH located in Stuttgart and Moerfelden, close to Frankfurt/Main airport.

The entire logistics chain from booking to delivery was completed in just 10 days.

# Volga-Dnepr Helps Africa to Build Up its Power System



**Key components of a major new electric power station have arrived in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire, on board one of Volga-Dnepr Airlines' new IL-76TD-90VD freighters.**

The cable winch and integrated diesel engine arrived in the West African state from Prestwick in Scotland.

With a height of 310cms, loading the winch called upon all of the expertise of the airline's Technical Department. Using a rail loading system, the previous highest cargo carried by the IL-76 was 290cms.

The solution was to install the ramp on the loading trailer at an angle instead of the usual procedure to fix it horizontally. As the result, the equipment arrived safely and on-time at its destination point.



# Great to see you!

The Volga-Dnepr Airlines and AirBridgeCargo Airlines' commercial teams would like to thank all of the customers that took time to visit the Group's exhibition stand during May's Air Cargo Europe event in Munich. We appreciate your interest and support.

# Loyalty campaign puts a 'Spring' in ABC uplift



**Giving freight forwarders sending cargo to Russia the chance to win valuable prizes in its 'Spring is in the air' promotion resulted in higher cargo volumes for AirBridgeCargo Airlines and the opportunity to thank customers for their outstanding loyalty to the airline.**

Tatyana Arslanova, ABC's Executive Senior Vice President, Strategy, Marketing and Sales, said: "Despite challenging economic times for the global economy and its subsequent impact on the air cargo industry, we have gained considerable support from our freight forwarding customers. Our 'Spring is in the air' promotion was designed to jointly grow our volumes and to thank customers for choosing ABC as their airline of choice. The response was even greater than for our previous 'To Russia with sport' campaign in summer 2008. We are especially encouraged by the large number of countries represented during the promotion and hope the increased awareness of our network and services will enable us to sustain this higher level of traffic."

Nearly 6,500 unique visitors went to the special website promoting the 'Spring is

in the air' campaign, which was designed to highlight the potential for Russian import and export cargo. Germany generated the most visitors – 1,365 – closely followed by France, Japan and Russia. In total, freight forwarders in more than 20 countries took part.

Under the terms of the campaign, customers were awarded points for every air waybill plus bonus points based on the weight of each shipment. The number of entries per customer was unlimited. Customers also had the opportunity to boost their points total by participating in three special interactive games that appeared on the airline's website during the promotion.



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