

**Press release:**

**BARIG intensifies cooperation with Zeitfracht Luftfahrt Holding GmbH**

- **International airline association increasingly focuses on air cargo and logistics**
- **Zeitfracht Luftfahrt Holding and Leisure Cargo become BARIG Business Partners**

*Frankfurt am Main, 23rd April 2018.* The Board of Airline Representatives in Germany (BARIG), representation of interests of around 100 national and international airlines, and Zeitfracht Luftfahrt Holding GmbH intensify their cooperation in the field of air cargo and logistics. This was agreed upon by the partners in the context of this year's IATA World Cargo Symposium in Dallas. As part of this cooperation, Zeitfracht Luftfahrt Holding GmbH and the subsidiary air freight service provider Leisure Cargo GmbH will as of now contribute to the mutual promotion of major industry topics.

"Following WDL Aviation's joining as new member, BARIG's Business Partner portfolio has now been further enhanced by the parent company Zeitfracht Luftfahrt Holding GmbH as well as the affiliated company Leisure Cargo GmbH, two renowned air cargo and logistics specialists. We warmly welcome both players in our association," states BARIG Secretary General Michael Hoppe. "This year we will again increase our efforts significantly in the air cargo sector and for this purpose acquired new partners that are as competent as they are experienced."

"With the scheduled expansion of our business and the creation of new offers, we want to contribute to the strengthening of the air cargo market in Germany," says Thilo Schäfer, Managing Director of Leisure Cargo.

The Berlin based Zeitfracht group is an owner-operated, medium-sized logistics provider that works both nationally and internationally while covering multiple areas of the logistics chain. Since 2017 it includes the experienced air freight service provider Leisure Cargo GmbH, a proven air cargo partner of several BARIG member airlines for many years, with main office in Berlin and establishments in Frankfurt and Dusseldorf.

Among the most important concerns of BARIG in the air cargo sector is the substantial improvement of German infrastructural framework conditions. Although Germany currently still holds a leading position in European competition and beyond, meaningful foreign players are remarkably active in this respect, presenting future-oriented innovations and offering competitive services. High fees and charges, outdated processes and infrastructural issues at numerous locations as well as unnecessarily complicated and bureaucratic administration are examples for present disadvantages that burden the German aviation industry.

Michael Hoppe explains, "Politics are called upon to take noticeable action and foster air traffic in general and air cargo especially according to its immense relevance to trade, economy and jobs. Already today we must prevent Germany from losing its attractiveness to foreign competitors in the future."

*Image caption:*

*Dr. Wolfram Simon (left), Managing Director of the Zeitfracht group, and BARIG Secretary General Michael Hoppe at this year's IATA World Cargo Symposium in Dallas. The agreements on WDL Aviation's BARIG membership and the business partnerships of Zeitfracht Luftfahrt Holding and Leisure Cargo were concluded directly on-site.*

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