

Global Aviation Services scale newer heights



H.K. Vithalani & his group receiving the award from Jacob Mathew, Managing Director, National Air Cargo

FROM a modest beginning in 1975, Global Aviation Services has grown into a conglomerate in airline representation spanning 20 cities in India and representing 17 airlines as its General Sales & Service Agent. Even now the demeanor is modest. Its core business is Airline Representation, however it has expanded its business to cover other aviation related services such as Airport Services, Consolidation, Operation of RFS, Premium Customer Services, IT Services, Travel – to name few. Its strength is its people and today Global offers employment opportunities to 2,000 + employees and is known to adopt fair trade practices. Airline customers relate to Global as their partners in India.

They have been nominated by the worldwide readers of STAT Times as 'The General Sales Agent of the Year'.

Global Aviation is the Number 1 GSA for cargo sales and among top three for passenger sales in India.

The award was presented at a glittering gala award nite function held on February 2nd, 2012, at the Leela Kempinski Hotel attended by the world leaders of the air cargo industry.

Mr. H.K. Vithalani, the Founder Chairman of the Global Group accepted the award. ▲

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Chief Executive Officer
Quikjet Cargo

QUIKJET, India's new 'all cargo airline' aims to emerge as the preferred cargo airline in the industry. Based at Bangalore the company will be focusing towards the north-east region of India.

Says Preetham Philip, Chief Executive Officer, Quikjet Cargo, "We are all set to evolve as a scheduled network operator, offering overnight express delivery capabilities to a multitude of operators in India."

"We intend to provide innovative cargo solutions to logistics providers by offering various types of aircraft. With an ATR72 Freighter currently in our fleet, Quikjet Cargo will augment the same by adding aircraft with varying payload."

Quikjet Cargo will concentrate more on the regional hubs than the Metros as Philip feels there is a major market lying untapped.

As charters are the ultimate solutions for the most urgent and logistically complex freight-carriage situations where a standard solutions is not applicable, Quikjet intend to cover the entire gamut of cargo charter needs including all classes of dangerous goods and hazardous materials.

Quikjet Cargo is also laying an efficient network schedule offering connectivity on a pan-India basis. The network schedule will be designed to provide airport to airport services, operation timings suited to the movement of specific types of freight requirements like Express and time-bound shipments. ▲

Budapest airport reports record cargo volumes

BUDAPEST AIRPORT achieved a record cargo throughput in 2011, handling more than 100,000 tonnes for the first time.

Flown air cargo volumes grew by 6.4% to almost 70,000 tonnes, despite the flat volumes worldwide last year, while trucked volumes more than doubled to nearly 37,000 tonnes, taking total throughput to 106,595 tonnes. The growth builds on substantial increases in 2010, when flown air cargo grew by 20% and trucked volumes once again doubled.

The expansion in traffic volumes last year came from a number of airline customers, with Turkish Airlines starting a weekly freighter service between Budapest and Istanbul, and Europe's largest all-cargo airline,

Cargolux, also increasing its cargo capacity – including the introduction of its new-generation B747-8 freighter to its Budapest services. American Airlines and Qatar Airways also launched passenger flights to Budapest last year that had significant belly load cargo capacity.

Christa Soltau, Vice President for Cargo and Logistics at Budapest Airport, commented: "Many European airports recorded negative growth figures last year, making the growth achieved by Budapest all the more remarkable. It demonstrates that customers continue to believe in the importance of Budapest Airport as a gateway for the local cargo market, and as a hub for the whole central eastern European region, and we intend to build upon this momentum over the coming years." ▲