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AirBridge Cargo Airlines (ABC), Russia largest scheduled air cargo airline and part of the Volga Dnepr Group will launch services to St. Petersburg starting from the 25th of March, 2007.

With its current fleet of four Boeing 747 freighters, ABC currently offers 15 flights a week ex Europe (Frankfurt, Amsterdam and Luxemburg) to Russia, providing daily and twice daily services to Moscow (SVO and DME) and five flights a week to Krasnoyarsk. ABC also operates seven services a week to and from Shanghai and four flights a week to and from Beijing in China in addition to four services a week from Nagoya to Russia and Europe and three flights serving Hong Kong from Frankfurt and Amsterdam. ABC will take delivery of three more Boeing 747Fs in 2007. Two Boeing 747—200Fs will join its fleet in the beginning of the year in time for its summer schedules, AirBridge Cargo will also take delivery of its first new-build Boeing 747—400ER Freighter. The airline has two ?400ERFs on order with a list price of US\$450 million. The second and the third ?400ERF will enter service in 2008. "The launch of the scheduled services to St. Petersburg is extremely important for us,—mentioned the Senior Vice President of AirBridge Cargo airlines Denis Ilyin,—as it will give us an opportunity bring on line the North-West part of Russia which has a great export-import potential and of this new air logistics solution. The services offered by ABC are designed to support the vibrant Russian economy and its tremendous growth in the oil and gas, mining and consumer goods sectors. Thus during the brief 2 years of AirBridge Cargo's existence it has created reliable alternative air logistics based on the airports of Moscow, Krasnoyarsk, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk and contributed to the creation of mordent hubs, matching the highest western standards of cargo processing and storage.