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Budapest Airport welcomes Qatar Airways Cargo

(Text prepared by Budapest Airport)

Qatar Airways Cargo will commence regular cargo flights between Budapest and Doha from 3 March 2016, as announced in the Hungarian and Qatari capitals simultaneously, with an A330 Freighter aircraft to service the route.

Qatar Cargo's freighter planes will fly between Qatar and Hungary every week on Thursday and Sunday, commencing 3 March 2016. The Airbus A330-200F, with a payload of 62-68 tonnes, is a unique opportunity for Hungarian industries to reach out to customers globally through the international network of Qatar Cargo. The cargo plane will fly from Budapest to Prague en route back to Doha.

The dedicated Qatar Cargo freighter flights will complement the existing cargo operations on Qatar Airways' commercial daily operations on an A320 aircraft, which this month celebrated five years since the beginning of the direct service between Doha and Budapest.

Budapest is also an ideal location for distributing high-value products that are flown in from the Arabian Gulf, South-East Asia and the Pacific region, as approximately 20 European countries can be reached within a 1000 km trucking distance from Ferenc Liszt International Airport.

"We are delighted to welcome Qatar Cargo to Budapest Airport as a regular customer," said René Droese, Property Director, Budapest Airport, in charge of cargo development. He added: "This new cargo route will present yet another strong business opportunity for our Hungarian customers in the automotive, digital, electronic, and pharmaceutical industries. I am sure that this new twice-weekly flight will increase the cargo performance of Budapest Airport substantially."

"We are delighted to announce our network expansion in Eastern Europe," said Mr. Ulrich Ogiermann, Chief Officer Cargo for Qatar Airways. "We have identified a definite gap in the market in this region and we look forward to supporting local businesses with a robust service connecting them to our wider global network."

Last year, Budapest Airport handled 5,800 cargo flights and 91,500 tonnes of goods. The 6.4% increase in air cargo volume from the 2014 level last year was an outstanding achievement in the European market. Budapest Airport serves the robust Hungarian electronic, fine machinery, automotive, pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries with its increasing international connectivity for these export-oriented businesses.



Photo caption: Budapest Airport announces the commencement of a twice-weekly cargo flight with Qatar Airways Cargo from 3 March 2016, substantially increasing business opportunities and cargo performance at the Hungarian gateway.

Notes for Editors

- Budapest Airport Zrt. is the operator of Budapest Airport. It is owned by an international consortium of investors, led by the privately-owned German company AviAlliance, an independent airport manager holding a 52.66% stake, together with Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (20.17%), Malton Investment Pte Ltd. (22.17%) and KfW IPEX-Bank GmbH (5%).
- Budapest Airport welcomed 10.3 million passengers in 2015, flying on the airport's services to 95 destinations across 36 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-December 2015 has exceeded +9%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2016 include:
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Nice, starting 11 March 2016;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, starting 11 March 2016;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malaga, starting 17 March 2016;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, starting 19 March 2016;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Liverpool, starting 27 March 2016;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Baku, starting 27 March 2016;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Reykjavik/Keflavik, starting 27 March 2016;
 - Ryanair, weekly service to Gran Canaria, starting 3 April 2016;
 - easyJet thrice-weekly service to Lyon, starting 26 April 2016;
 - Ryanair, weekly service to Corfu, starting 28 April 2016;
 - Air Canada rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 10 June 2016;
 - Wizz Air weekly service to Ibiza, starting 18 June 2016;
 - Ellinair weekly service to Thessaloniki, starting 19 June 2016;
 - Wizz Air four times weekly service to Bucharest, starting 19 September 2016.

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