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GLOBAL ALLIANCE OF DHL PILOTS DENOUNCE DHL-UPS MERGER

GCPA members unite to become powerful and effective voice for all DHL pilots.

FRANKFURT – This week, the Global Cargo Pilots Alliance (GCPA), a coalition of pilot unions and associations that provide airline service within the DHL worldwide network, condemned the potential deal between DHL-UPS and gave it little chance for success. This issue, along with other important outsourcing concerns was discussed at a two-day summit of GCPA members held in Frankfurt, Germany, October 27 and 28.

“The GCPA has absolutely no faith in the success of the DHL/ UPS agreement,” said Captain Andy Sallee, GCPA chairman and a pilot for ASTAR Air Cargo. “If implemented, this deal would put two U.S. airlines, ABX Air, and ASTAR Air Cargo out of business, place thousands of Americans in the unemployment line, many of whom dedicated much of their careers into building DHL’s profitable multibillion dollar worldwide network. It would also eliminate DHL as an effective competitor in North America.”

The announcement has already set off a political firestorm in the U.S., resulting in Congressional antitrust hearings and harsh reactions from both presidential candidates. If consummated, this agreement would potentially create a duopoly and higher prices for consumers. It would also economically devastate the region of southwestern Ohio, with projected job loss of nearly 10,000 workers. The Alliance urged DHL to explore alternatives that would secure a more profitable future for DHL.

The DHL-UPS agreement was only one example of several outsourcing initiatives that DPWN is exploring. Alliance members expressed deep concern over the joint-venture between Lufthansa Cargo and DPWN to create a new airline “AeroLogic.” This new airline would add eleven new Boeing 777s to haul cargo and would likely impact flying for DHL pilots.

The GCPA is committed to the long-term success of DHL and has requested that DHL management cooperate in establishing an open line of communication with its employees.

GCPA members plan to reach out to Deutsche Post World Net (DPWN) to schedule regular meetings and create positive dialogue with their leadership. The pilots believe that the results would create a win-win scenario for both DHL and the pilots who serve the DHL network.

The alliance members include ASTAR Air Cargo (Airline Pilots Association Int'l), Capital Cargo International Airlines (Air Line Pilots Association Int'l), EAT/ DHL (Belgian Cockpit Association), Lufthansa Cargo (Vereingung Cockpit Association), and Polar Air Cargo (Air Line Pilots Association).

The next meeting for the Alliance will take place in February 2009 in Berlin. For more information, please visit the GCPA web site at www.globalcargopilot.org.

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