

Heavy cargo shipment from Düsseldorf to Chile

Chapman Freeborn, the world's leading company in the field of aircraft charter, again collaborated with the international logistics service provider Logwin to successfully complete another heavy cargo project. A rotor used in power generation together with associated equipment weighing a total of 97 tonnes was flown from Düsseldorf to Santiago de Chile on the evening of 26 April. Chapman Freeborn chartered an AN-124 freight aircraft from Ruslan International on behalf of Logwin. The flight was accompanied by a camera team from the US broadcaster "Discovery Channel".

26 April 2011. The Antonov AN-124 stands ready for loading on the runway. A rotor, which has been repaired in Germany, is to start its return flight to Santiago de Chile. The defective rotor was flown from Chile to Düsseldorf for repair back in February this year.

The oversized consignment has been delivered by Logwin on four trucks. Another two trucks carry loading equipment. With a length of eight meters and a height of more than three meters, the rotor is the largest item of freight and has to be loaded through the Antonov's nose. In order to accomplish this, the Antonov's crew erects and adjusts a system of ramps. A special crane then lifts the extremely heavy rotor onto the ramps and a winch pulls the freight, which has been secured by several chains, slowly into the interior of the aircraft. A further 16 smaller boxes containing accessories are loaded into the tail of the aircraft using on-board cranes.

After seven hours of hard work the freight is finally loaded and secured safely in the interior of the aircraft. The plane takes off for Santiago de Chile on time at 7:00 p.m. However, the Antonov must land for refueling four times before it reaches its final destination. The route takes it via Vitoria/Spain, Sal/Cape Verde Islands, Recife/Brazil and Rio de Janeiro/Brazil on the way to its final destination of Santiago de Chile.

The global air charter specialists of Chapman Freeborn have managed many extraordinary transportation projects together with the international logistics service provider Logwin in the past, and this project was also accomplished successfully thanks to the expertise of and close

cooperation between all those involved. Together both companies developed an exact schedule for loading and coordinated the logistics at the airports.

The Antonov-124's entire flight from loading in Düsseldorf to unloading in Santiago de Chile was accompanied by a camera team from the TV broadcaster Discovery Channel, which is planning to show a documentary series entitled 'Mighty Planes' about aircraft in various areas of deployment. Viewers are to be given an insight in to the inner workings of aviation and will be able to experience how extraordinary projects are executed. One of the programs of the eight-part documentary series will be dedicated to the loading of the Antonov-124. The documentary series is likely to be broadcast at the beginning of 2012.

Chapman Freeborn

Chapman Freeborn is the world's leading charter broker for private jets, helicopters and wide-bodied aircraft. The aircraft charter company operates from 32 locations in 22 countries, performing more than 6,000 flights each year. The experienced team at the owner-managed company has been organizing freight transportation, on-board couriers (OBC), executive and group charter and MICE events for over 40 years and has won the "Air Cargo Charter Broker Awards of the Year" (ACW) four years in a row.
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