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CCN JOINS IATA E-FREIGHT AS PREFERRED PARTNER

Cargo Community Network (CCN), Asia-Pacific's leading provider of internet portal services to the airfreight industry, has become a preferred partner in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) global e-freight programme. IATA's long term vision is for paperless e-freight and e-customs solutions to replace the air cargo industry's current paper-based processes. The average shipment currently results in more than 30 documents being exchanged between various parties including, shippers, freight forwarders, handling agents, Import/export brokers and customs.

The IATA e-freight programme forms part of its strategic "Simplifying the Business" initiative, with the association committed to lead and support air cargo industry implementation, align stakeholders to a common goal and facilitate the delivery of vendor provided e-freight solutions. By joining the IATA e-freight Preferred Partner programme, CCN has proved that it is not only able to offer enabling technology for the global industry, but also demonstrated a consistent commitment to e-freight solutions that dramatically reduce complexity and paper-based processes.

"We welcome CCN's participation to support the IATA e-freight Message Improvement Programme, support the pilot schemes and support the e-freight vision. As one of our partners, CCN will help develop global systems for trading partners which will lead to significant industry cost savings and add value to the e-freight solutions to be offered," said Mr. Aleks Popovich, Global Head of Cargo, IATA.

"With almost two million e-bookings in 2005 and connections to over 20 airlines and 1,000 freight forwarders in the Asia-Pacific region, CCN is well recognised as a leader in e-freight solutions. We are proud to have these achievements recognized by IATA and be selected as a preferred partner in the global e-freight programme. " said, Mr Teow Boon Ling, General Manager, CCN.

Singapore based CCN offers the world's only carrier neutral cargo portal enabled to handle e-invoicing & payment, as well as distributing neutral waybills electronically. The new CCNhub dramatically cut costs for the industry players and offers a major step forward in the way they can make allotment and free sales bookings, review flight schedules, as well as track and trace the progress of their shipments.

CCN was launched in 1991 with the original Spectrum system matching customer requirements for a cost effective and simple airfreight booking system. The significantly enhanced web enabled CCNhub (previously Ezycargo) was first launched in 2003. CCN is headquartered in Singapore and has operations in Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

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