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Kenya Airways Cargo Expands its route network with Weekly freighter service between Sharjah and Mogadishu

Nairobi, 08 February 2024 – Kenya Airways Cargo (KQ Cargo) has expanded its route network to include direct cargo flights between Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Mogadishu in Somalia. The new route will be served weekly, effective 09th February 2024, and is expected to grow to two (2) weekly frequencies in April 2024. KQ Cargo has partnered with Global GSA Cargo LLC, a global cargo sales and service agent based out of UAE, as the cargo logistics partner to service the route.

KQ Cargo recently increased its freighter capacities with the entry into service of a B737-800F, which offers an extended range, connecting vital cargo hubs and opening up new opportunities for cargo services to meet customers' demands and an ever-evolving market.

According to KQ Cargo Director Dick Murianki, the new route aligns with KQ's revamped mission of propelling Africa's prosperity by connecting its people, cultures and markets and strengthening KQ Cargo's position as Africa's preferred cargo carrier, offering unique network options for customers.

"We are delighted to expand our world-class logistics service to underserved markets with a solid product, and we believe in having a direct service complemented by Dubai's trader, transit, humanitarian, and project-driven traffic. The direct route between UAE and Somalia offers huge demand for air freight transportation, particularly high-tech consumer goods, automotive parts, project cargo, and clothing, which are the most frequently flown goods on the route. Kenya Airways' has the expertise in the region, and our B737-800F's apt capacity would be the ideal mix over the long term.." Says Mr Murianki.

On his part, the CEO of Global GSA Cargo LLC, Mr Kannan Nachiappan, said that the direct connection between UAE and Somalia offers customers more capacity, cuts transit times and reduces costs.

"UAE, being a multimodal logistics hub, acts as a primary gateway to Africa, and having a dedicated KQ Cargo freighter to offer this service helps cut transit times and offer scheduled main deck capacity into several remote destinations across the region. This service would cover a market characterised by narrow body belly-only options, lengthy transit times, and expensive rates." Says Mr Nachiappan.

Kenya Airways will also be resuming direct passenger flights between Nairobi and Mogadishu starting 15th February 2024.

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About Kenya Airways

Kenya Airways, a member of the Sky Team Alliance, is a leading African airline flying to 43 destinations worldwide, 35 of which are in Africa. KQ carries an average of 5 million passengers annually. Our fleet comprises of wide body Boeing aircrafts, this includes our flagship B787 Dreamliner, B737 and narrow body Embraer E190 aircrafts.

The Cargo business trading as KQ Cargo offers high-quality air freight services to our growing list of customers around the world. KQ Cargo Utilises a dedicated Freighter fleet of 3 B737 together with freight capacity on board the passenger fleet delivering air freight to more than 41 key global destinations.

The on-board service is renowned and the lie-flat business class seat on the wide-body aircraft is consistently voted among the world's top 10. Kenya Airways takes pride in being at the forefront of connecting Africa to the World and the World to Africa through its hub at the new ultra-modern Terminal 1A at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.

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