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## Press Release

### **transport logistic network is growing: Air Cargo India and Air Cargo Africa have been purchased**

- Previous owner STAT Trade Times stays on board
- Air Cargo is already an important part in the global transport logistic network
- Bigger than ever: Air Cargo at transport logistic Munich in 2019

**In China, in India, in Turkey and in the globally leading trade fair in Munich, Air Cargo plays a major and growing role in the transport logistic network. Messe München has now purchased Air Cargo India and Air Cargo Africa from the Indian publishing house STAT Trade Times and is enhancing its logistics portfolio in a targeted manner with them. Priyo Patra, former owner of the acquisitions and co-owner of The STAT Trade Times, will work with Messe München to make these two events even bigger.**

"With the Air Cargo trade shows in India and South Africa, we are complementing our international logistics network of successful events in important markets," Gerhard Gerritzen explained, member of the Management Board of Messe München. "With Priyo Patra on board, we can rely on a strong partner anchored in these markets and industries, a successful strategy that we are pursuing in all our foreign trade fairs."

"We are delighted that Air Cargo India and Air Cargo Africa, which have over the year grown to become the 'go-to events' for air freight industry in their respective markets, are going to be part of transport logistic exhibitions. I am looking forward to be associated with them actively in the years ahead", Priyo Patra stated. He will bring his international network into play in the areas of sales and conference programs. "The partnership will create tremendous synergies, and I am sure that the air freight industry will benefit in many ways from it."

#### **air cargo Europe in Munich is the largest – and continues to grow**

Air Cargo is an important and growing area at all transport logistic trade fairs. This is above all the case at the leading international trade fair in Munich, which will take place in June 2019. "We have planned more space here for Air Cargo than in 2017, which is already fully booked, and it will certainly continue to grow," according to Mr. Gerritzen. air cargo Munich is the largest air freight trade fair in the world. Its development reflects an industry on the upswing. Following strong

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global growth of 10 percent in 2017, the international aviation organization IATA predicts an increase of 4 percent for 2018. Significant further growth is basically predicted for air cargo in the coming years.

### **Kick-off in Africa**

The next Air Cargo Africa will take place in Johannesburg from February 19 to 21 and is the largest air cargo trade fair in Africa. Eighty exhibitors and 2126 visitors were on site at its fourth edition in 2017. Air Cargo India takes place in Mumbai every two years; a total of 74 exhibitors and 2534 visitors were at the most recent, 7th edition of Air Cargo India in February this year. In India, transport logistic already holds transport logistic India @ CTL in collaboration with Exim India, which takes place in Mumbai every two years. There is no air cargo area there, and consequently, "we are planning closer integration with it," Mr. Geritzen said. "You can see clearly that the acquisitions complement our transport logistic portfolio optimally."



transport logistic exhibitions now with Air Cargo India and Air Cargo Africa

Additional information is available at [www.transportlogistic.de](http://www.transportlogistic.de)

### **transport logistic Worldwide**

The international industry network of transport logistic consists of eight events. In addition to the leading international trade fair transport logistic in Munich, there are three events in China. Messe München organizes transport logistic China every two years, and it also holds the transport logistic China Forum in alternating years, both in Shanghai. In addition, there is a partnership with the China International Transportation & Logistics Expo in Chengdu, an event of the Chinese logistics association CCTA. In India, transport logistic India @ CTL is organized in cooperation with Exim India and takes place every two years in Mumbai. In Turkey, Messe München and EKO Fair Limited jointly hold the logitrans International Transport Logistics Exhibition in Istanbul. Current additions to the trade fair network are Air Cargo India and Air Cargo Africa, which will be held in Mumbai and Johannesburg respectively in two-year intervals.

### **transport logistic**

transport logistic is the International Exhibition for Logistics, Mobility, IT and Supply Chain Management and the world's biggest trade fair for freight transport by road, rail, water and in the air, in all its complexity. air cargo europe, an exhibition of the global air freight industry, is integral to transport logistic. In 2017 more than 60.726 visitors from 123 countries and 2.162 exhibitors from

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62 countries attended the event. transport logistic is held every two years in Munich. The next event will take place from June 4 to 7, 2019.

**Messe München**

Messe München is one of the leading exhibition organizers worldwide with more than 50 of its own trade shows for capital goods, consumer goods and new technologies. Every year, a total of over 50,000 exhibitors and around three million visitors take part in more than 200 events at the exhibition center in Munich, at the ICM – Internationales Congress Center München and the MOC Veranstaltungszentrum München as well as abroad. Together with its subsidiary companies, Messe München organizes trade shows in China, India, Brazil, Russia, Turkey, South Africa, Nigeria, Vietnam and Iran. With a network of associated companies in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America as well as around 70 representations abroad for over 100 countries, Messe München has a global presence.