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Ethiopian Connects Chongqing with Freight Corridors of the World

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Ethiopian Cargo and Logistics Services, the Largest Cargo Operator in Africa, has connected Chongqing, the largest municipality in Southwest China with Africa and South America with a weekly cargo flight as of 26 June 2019.

Located in Southwestern China adjacent to Hunan, Hubei, Guizhou, Shaanxi and Sichuan provinces, Chongqing serves as a node of China's Belt and Road initiative linking the country to its western neighbors. The route passes through Shanghai - Chongqing - Delhi - Addis Ababa - Lagos - Sao Paulo - Quito - Miami, connecting the main destinations of the three continents which cover a population of more than 3 billion people.

Ethiopian will be operating B777-200F freighter on the route and initially fly once in a week.

Group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines, Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, remarked: *"We are excited to have launched a freighter service to Chongqing, Southwest China. We are among the veteran carriers that started serving the People's Republic of China back in the early 1970's, a long-standing and multi-faceted ties which has translated into a flourishing trade and investment, cultural and bilateral cooperation between Africa and China. Our new cargo service augments the development of China-Africa bilateral trade and expands on China's already growing "Belt and Road" initiative, while supporting our strategic initiatives to expand our global cargo operations."*

Operating next generation freighters and with Africa's largest trans-shipment terminal, Ethiopian Cargo and Logistics Services facilitates the export of perishables, garments, mining products, and the import of high value industrial products and inputs, pharmaceuticals, among others across its global network.



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Setting overarching goals under its 15- year strategic plan, Vision 2025, Ethiopian Cargo & Logistics Services envisioned to become a full-fledged profit center of Ethiopian Airlines Group with annual revenue of US\$ 2 Billion, 19 dedicated aircraft, annual tonnage of 820,000, and 57 international destinations. However, eight years into the roadmap, Ethiopian Cargo has reached 57 international destinations with award-winning cargo and logistics services.

Note to Editors:

About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the fastest growing Airline in Africa. In its seventy plus years of operation, Ethiopian has become one of the continent's leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success.

Ethiopian commands the lion's share of the Pan-African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to more than 120 international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian fleet includes ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Airbus A350, Boeing 787-8, Boeing 787-9, Boeing 777-300ER, Boeing 777-200LR, Boeing 777-200 Freighter, Bombardier Q-400 double cabin with an average fleet age of five years. In fact, Ethiopian is the first airline in Africa to own and operate these aircraft. Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan called Vision 2025 that will see it become the leading aviation group in Africa with Six business centers: Ethiopian International Services; Ethiopian Cargo & Logistics Services; Ethiopian MRO Services; Ethiopian Aviation Academy; Ethiopian ADD Hub Ground Services and Ethiopian Airports Services. Ethiopian is a multi-award winning airline registering an average growth of 25% in the past seven years.

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