

Ethiopian to Launch Cargo Services to Ahmedabad- Fifth Cargo Gateway to India

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Ethiopian Airlines, the largest cargo operator in Africa, is delighted to announce the addition of Ahmedabad, a fifth cargo gateway to India, to its global cargo network as of March 28, 2017.

Ahmedabad, India's second oldest stock exchange and largest producer of cotton, is an emerging economic and industrial hub of India, inhabiting a population of more than six million.



Group CEO Ethiopian Airlines, Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, remarked: "Ethiopian cargo service to India dates back to the early 90's; launching our first cargo station in Mumbai. Complementing the booming economic relations between India and the African continent at large, we have made available dependable cargo services to Chennai, Bangalore, Delhi and now to Ahmedabad; our fifth Cargo Gateway to India. While operating in the major trade lanes between Africa, Europe, Middle East and Asia, our cargo network is efficiently linking the Indian sub-continent and Africa farther with China and Hong Kong; providing the Indian



market with minimum weekly import capacity of 240 tons per week. I believe our new services to Ahmedabad will further strengthen the existing trade and commercial ties between the two fastest growing regions of the world."

Ethiopian is the largest cargo network operator and one of the major global cargo players, serving 36 global freighter destinations with an average daily uplift of 650 tons, on top of the belly hold capacity of 150 tons to more than 90 destinations globally, deploying 8 dedicated freighters including 6 Boeing B777-200LRF and 2 - Boeing B757-260F.

About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the fastest growing Airline in Africa. In its seven decades 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 90 international destinations across five continents. Ethiopian fleet includes ultramodern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Airbus A350, Boeing 787, 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 seven business centers: Ethiopian Domestic and Regional Airline; Ethiopian International Passenger Airline; Ethiopian Cargo; Ethiopian MRO; Ethiopian Aviation Academy; Ethiopian In-flight Catering Services; and Ethiopian Ground Service. Ethiopian is a multi-award winning airline registering an average growth of 25% in the past seven years.

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