

Media Release

Cargolux and Arthur Welter team up on hydrogen-powered trucking

Luxembourg, 16 July 2024 – Cargolux and Arthur Welter are proud to announce their collaboration on a hydrogen-powered truck project. The long-standing partners are working together on a two-year initial trial for a dedicated trucking service powered by hydrogen. The Arthur Welter vehicle will operate on behalf of Cargolux five times a week between Luxembourg and Frankfurt.

The companies, both based in Luxembourg, are proud of undertaking this new chapter together to showcase the feasibility of such transport in the logistics sector.

“When Cargolux initiated this project, our long-standing partner Arthur Welter was a natural choice for collaboration. Our companies have been working together for many years and this project reflects our shared ambition for the future of our industry. This initiative aims to showcase the opportunities that exist and prove that they can be adapted to a dynamic sector like air cargo. We look forward to witnessing the success of this endeavor and hopefully building on it in the future.”, says Richard Forson Cargolux President & CEO.

“It is an honour for us to realize this ambitious project together with our valued partner Cargolux. Together we want to take the next step towards emission-free road transport and prove that this is already possible in air freight today. Although we are aware that we have to perform pioneering work in hydrogen mobility, we are confident that we can lead the way towards the energy transition in our sector.” Viviane Welter, CEO Arthur Welter Transports s.à.r.l.

The vehicle, specially adapted to meet the requirements of air cargo, boasts a range of approximately 400 kilometers. The truck will be re-fueled on both ends of the journey as hydrogen fueling facilities are currently scarce in the region. Both parties are confident that this pioneering initiative will serve as a milestone in decarbonizing operations.

As part of this initiative, Minister of Mobility and Public Works, Yuriko Backes emphasized: “The introduction of hydrogen-powered trucking represents a major advancement in our collective efforts to reduce emissions and improve the efficiency of logistics operations. I am confident that in the future hydrogen powered trucks will be registered in Luxembourg.”

About Cargolux Airlines International

Cargolux, based in Luxembourg, is Europe's leading all-cargo airline operating a fleet of 30 Boeing 747-8 freighters and Boeing 747-400 freighters. As a future-gearred airline, Cargolux also has 10 efficient Boeing 777-8F on order to replace its ageing 747-400 aircraft. The Cargolux worldwide network covers over 75 destinations on scheduled all-cargo flights and offers full and part-charter services. The company has more than 85 offices in over 50 countries and operates an extensive global trucking network to more than 250 destinations. With 50 years of experience in the air cargo industry and an extensive product portfolio, Cargolux provides tailored transport solutions for all types of shipments. The Cargolux Group also offers aerial firefighting services through its dedicated unit Aquarius Aerial Firefighting. As a responsible cargo carrier, Cargolux has developed a solid CSR program encompassing Environmental, Social, and Governance principles. The Cargolux Group employs close to 2,500 staff members worldwide.

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About Arthur Welter

Arthur Welter, founded in 1962 by Mr and Mrs Welter, is today Luxembourg's only family-owned road transport company of its size. More than 400 national and international air freight, standard freight and groupage trucks are on the road every day for Arthur Welter's customers in Europe. In addition, more than 70,000 m2 of warehousing space can be offered in Luxembourg and France. With over 60 years of expertise and experience in serving its customers, Arthur Welter today employs more than 700 people at 8 locations across Europe.

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