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Introduction (by the Pharma.Aero Board)

Dear members,

As the year is approaching to an end, it is time for us to reflect on Pharma. Aero's achievements for the year 2019. The year has been a fruitful one. Not only did Pharma. Aero onboard new members and attract the interests of many, we have also succeeded in finalizing some of our challenging and landmark projects – Digi 2.0: The Global Pharma Tracker Prototype and Airside Transportation Survey. We have also forged an international partnership with The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA). In addition, we are honoured to have partnered with you to present our successes at several international industry fora and conferences.

Collaboration is at the heart of our organisation and it is only through collaboration that we could achieve the above outcomes. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank you for your trust in our organization. We look forward to a successful 2020.

Last but not least, the Board wishes all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Project updates

Both the Digi 2.0 Global Pharma Tracker Prototype project and the Airside Transportation Survey have been finalized.

The technical report for the Pharma Corridor project is in its final stages and will be released in Q1 2020. A follow-up project is in the pipeline.

The Global Security Standards project is in progress.



Member in the spotlight

Your Company and position:

Expeditors is a global logistics company. Headquartered in Seattle, Washington, the company employs trained professionals in over 300 locations located on six continents linked into a seamless worldwide network through an integrated information management system. Services include air and ocean freight forwarding, vendor consolidation, customs clearance, marine insurance, distribution, and other value added international logistics services. Within his role Peter is responsible to manage the offices in Belgium and Luxembourg.

Your relation to airfreight pharma:

Being the first logistics company to be IATA CEIV certified in 2014, Expeditors is working in partnership with many of the leading pharmaceutical, biotech, diagnostics, medical device companies and service providers in airfreight using a wealth of knowledge on industry product handling, global supply operations, regulatory compliance, information systems and risk management for the patients at the end of the logistics chain. Peter himself has 20+ years' experience with Expeditors in supply chain logistics, quality management, procurement plus general and temperature-controlled airfreight across the globe.



Peter van Domburg District Manager Belgium and Luxembourg Expeditors

Any interesting developments within your company in relation to airfreight pharma you want to share?

Expeditors has actively served the healthcare industry since our inception in the early 1980's. We have over 500 active healthcare customers that range in size from giant global conglomerates to a variety of specialty biotech, contract manufacturing, clinical research organizations, and wholesalers/distributors. Over the course of these three decades, we have developed industry expertise that provides our customers with services created to meet the demands of the healthcare industry including dedicated pharma hubs on airport premises to mitigate the risk of non-compliance during pharma airfreight.

Expeditors Belgium will be moving into a State of the Art new First Line Building at Brucargo in September 2020. With over 10 000m² warehouse (+5000m² will be GDP compliant) and 1500 m² office space we will be able to maintain our strong position in the handling of Pharmaceutical products.

What is the added value that Pharma.Aero can bring to the pharma handling in our air cargo industry?

Temperature-controlled shipping is a critical need for healthcare manufacturers. With today's regulatory concerns, standardized transportation methods need to support the industry's requirements. In its turn Expeditors creates customized solutions for each of our customers by developing qualified processes for temperature-controlled transportation that are effective, reproducible and measured on top of these standards. We believe Pharma.Aero contributes to the backbone of standardization of temperature control and visibility in a GDP validated environment through a community approach. This is the only road to integrity of Healthcare products for the patients at the end of the supply chain.



Calendar: Join us around the world!

Set the dates and find here our update of events where Pharma. Aero will be present:

Air Cargo India, Mumbai, India, 25-27 February 2020: pharma forum and Pharma.Aero pavilion IATA Air Pharma, Manchester, UK, 6-8 October 2020 TIACA Miami, Miami, USA, 10-12 November 2020 Annual Supply Chain Innovation Leaders Summit, Barcelona, Spain, 18-19 November 2020

General Assembly:

IATA World Cargo Symposium, Istanbul, Turkey, 10-12 March 2020: General Assembly



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