

PRESS RELEASE

## **time:matters cooperates with LOT Polish Airlines: increased route frequency and shorter transport times for sameday service**

- **The special service provider for courier, sameday and emergency logistics as well as time-critical spare parts logistics has a new partner – LOT Polish Airlines**
- **time:matters increases the route frequency of its sameday network by means of the new partnership**
- **Consistent network expansion and intensification of the international focus**

Neu-Isenburg/Warsaw, June 25, 2009 – time:matters, the special logistics provider that is part of the Lufthansa Group, has formed a partnership with LOT Polish Airlines. With its headquarters in Warsaw, LOT Polish Airlines has an extensive European route network – especially to and from Poland. The new partnership enables access to additional flights for the transport of sameday shipments: up until now just under twenty connections per day were available to and from Poland; due to the cooperation the amount of possible flights has now doubled. This makes it possible for time:matters to offer its customers an even more comprehensive sameday service, due to greater flexibility when selecting the optimal connection and the in part significant reduction of transport times. Following partnerships with, amongst others, Brussels Airlines, the service provider is consistently expanding its sameday network in 2009; thereby intensifying the international focus of its services.

The expansion of the time:matters' sameday route network is especially beneficial for companies based in Poland and in the Baltic states as well as international corporate clients that maintain business relations in these respective regions. The expanded use of Polish airports for the transport of European sameday shipments reduces transport times to and from Poland and to cross-border destinations. The incorporation of the LOT connections into the European time:matters' route network enables access to several more direct connections to and from Poland. This subsequently creates even more flexible cut-off times and leads to the partial or in some cases even complete elimination of transit flights via Frankfurt or Munich that were once necessary.

Therefore, a sameday shipment can now for example be flown directly from Warsaw to London. This in turn decreases the transport time by approximately one hour to merely three and a half hours. At the same time, it is now possible to utilize significantly later outbound connections: thus a customer can now drop off his/her urgent shipment until 19:15 at Warsaw Frederic Chopin Airport (IATA code: WAW), instead of 13:45 which was previously the case – the delivery in London will still take place that very same evening.

“The cooperation with LOT Polish Airlines offers our customers greater flexibility as well as an increased frequency for flights to and from Poland,” says Adam Komorowski, Country Manager of time:matters Poland. “The new partnership provides us with a considerable advantage in terms of time and enables significantly later cut-off times, which is highly beneficial for our customers,” he adds. Edyta Wiland-Rogulska, Director of Cargo and Mail at LOT Polish Airlines, emphasizes: “We are pleased to have gained a partner such as time:matters, which specializes in sameday services. This addition to our portfolio represents a considerable added value for our customers.”

**time:matters GmbH** (Neu-Isenburg near Frankfurt am Main) is the expert for courier, sameday and emergency logistics as well as international time-critical spare parts logistics, offering each of its clients customized logistics solutions for particularly urgent or complex special logistics assignments, which enables worldwide delivery within just a few hours. The Special Speed Solutions provided by time:matters both throughout Germany and worldwide are based on the high-speed and reliable transport by air, rail and road (such as on board couriers and charter solutions). For this purpose, time:matters cooperates exclusively with Deutsche Bahn (ic:kurier), Deutsche Lufthansa as well as a number of other partners (e.g. “Star-Alliance“-Airlines, Swiss International Air Lines, Air Berlin, Condor, Cebu Pacific Airlines, Jetpak, Lufthansa Cargo Charter); over 1,200 European and 150 intercontinental flights per day, and some 400 destinations in 90 countries. Furthermore, 140 train stations Germany-wide — through which InterCityExpress, EuroCity and InterCity

trains pass — are currently available to the logistics service provider. time:matters operates the only courier terminal in Germany that exclusively serves the purpose of handling express and courier shipments, in cooperation with Fraport Cargo Services at Frankfurt Airport. time:matters maintains offices at 11 international locations - including Amsterdam, Brussels, Zurich, Warsaw, Vienna, Shanghai and Singapore. The logistics service provider is majority-owned by funds managed by the growth investor Aheim Capital GmbH as well as the management of time:matters. Lufthansa Cargo AG, which spun off time:matters in 2002, owns 48 percent of the company shares.

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