

time:matters cooperates with Brussels Airlines: increased route frequency for sameday service

- **The special service provider for courier, sameday and emergency logistics, which is part of the Lufthansa Cargo Group, has a new partner - the Belgian carrier Brussels Airlines**
- **time:matters increases the route frequency of its sameday network by means of partnership**

Neu-Isenburg/Brussels, March 11th, 2009– time:matters has formed a partnership with the Belgian carrier Brussels Airlines, which is based in Brussels-Zaventem and has an extensive international route network. Due to this new partnership, time:matters can draw on additional flights to European destinations such as Munich, Zurich or Brussels for the transport of its sameday shipments. time:matters can now access 852 additional direct flights from Brussels to 44 European sameday air stations per week. This translates into an increased route frequency that enables time:matters to offer its customers an even more comprehensive sameday service, due to greater flexibility when selecting the fastest connections and the significant reduction of transport times.

The expansion of time:matters' sameday route network benefits the special logistics provider's customers in Belgium and throughout the rest of Europe. The use of Brussels Airport as an additional hub for the transport of European sameday shipments also in part significantly reduces transport times to and from Belgium as well as to cross-border destinations. Therefore, a sameday shipment from Warsaw to Maastricht can be flown via Brussels, instead of via Frankfurt and Amsterdam, as was previously the case. This in turn decreases the transport time by two hours to merely four hours.

The partnership is also a great advantage in terms of the direct connections that Brussels Airlines flies to from its headquarters in Brussels, which completely eliminate transit flights via Frankfurt or Munich that were previously necessary. For example, a direct flight from Brussels to Gothenburg enables a time savings of two and a half hours for the customer, since the transport time now only amounts to just under two hours. The incorporation of the Brussels Airlines' connections into time:matters' European route network also enables much later cut-off times. In the case of a transport from Rome to Brussels, a customer can drop their shipment off until 16:55, instead of 13:30, which was the previous cut-off time.

"time:matters' sameday network is unparalleled in Europe in terms of its density and frequency," states Peter Allard, Country Manager of time:matters Belgium. He notes that the collaboration with the Belgian airline is highly beneficial for customers due to the increased flexibility: "The partnership gives us a significant time advantage for the sameday delivery of goods with time:matters. Our service can therefore be used in an even more flexible and spontaneous manner." Kris Drossart, Courier Manager of Globe Air Cargo (General Sales & Service Agent for Brussels Airlines), emphasizes: "We are pleased that with time:matters, our portfolio now includes a partner that offers sameday service. Our customers will also benefit from this."

time:matters GmbH (Neu-Isenburg near Frankfurt am Main) is the expert in courier, sameday and emergency logistics as well as in international time-critical spare parts logistics, offering each of its clients customized logistics solutions for particularly urgent or complex special logistics assignments. The Special Speed Solutions provided by time:matters both throughout Germany and worldwide are based on the high-speed and reliable transportation of highly urgent and particularly important consignments by air, rail and road. For this purpose, time:matters can access Lufthansa's entire network of scheduled flights and a number of flights offered by other partner airlines (i.e. "Star-Alliance"-Partners, Swiss International Air Lines, Air Berlin, Condor, Brussels Airlines): over 1,200 European and 150 intercontinental flights per day, and some 400 destinations in 90 countries. Whenever air charter solutions are needed, time:matters also closely cooperates with Lufthansa Cargo Charter Agency. Since August 2007, time:matters operates its own terminal for express and courier shipments as an additional service option at Frankfurt Airport. Furthermore, 140 train stations Germany-wide — through which InterCityExpress, EuroCity and InterCity trains pass — are currently available to the logistics service provider. In 2006, the partnership with Swiss WorldCargo and the founding of the first branch office outside of Germany in Zurich, Switzerland, marked the start of the intensified internationalization of the time:matters business model. Thus further subsidiaries and/or offices were opened in Vienna, Warsaw, Mechelen (Belgium), Milan, Oslo, Singapore, Shanghai and Manila and time:matters Netherlands BV was established following the take over of a

company in Amsterdam. The establishment of additional offices in important business and logistics centers is to follow by 2010, whereby the focus is on Asia for 2008. Following a partial overtake of the company shares in 2006, 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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