

time:matters expands its sameday route network to include direct connections from Milan to Paris and Barcelona

- **Partnership with Lufthansa Italia enables direct connections from Milan to Barcelona and Paris**
- **Significant reduction of transport times for sameday shipments**
- **Further destinations – London Heathrow, Madrid, Lisbon, Brussels, Budapest and Bucharest – will follow by the end of April 2009**

Neu-Isenburg, February 18, 2009 – time:matters now offers, with immediate effect, new direct connections for the transport of sameday shipments from Milan to European economic centers. This is made possible by a partnership with the newly established Lufthansa Italia, which has been flying to Barcelona and Paris Charles de Gaulle from the Lombard metropolis several times a day since the beginning of February. The Lufthansa subsidiary will integrate six more stations into its European network by April: London Heathrow, Madrid, Lisbon, Brussels, Budapest and Bucharest, which time:matters' customers can also take advantage of.

Not only companies based in Lombardy, the economically strong Italian region that serves as the motor of industrialized northern Italy, stand to benefit from the new direct connections. The expanded network will also serve as a great advantage to other customers. For example, the transport time for a sameday shipment from Milan to Paris is reduced by approximately four hours – from seven to merely three hours. In addition, the new destinations enable increased flexibility when selecting the optimal connection that best suits the needs of the customer.

Franz-Joseph Miller, CEO of time:matters GmbH explains: “We satisfy the increasing demand for quick and flexible European transport connections by continually expanding our European sameday network. Furthermore, this partnership enables us to present ourselves on the key Italian market as a strong partner for highly urgent or complex transport solutions.”

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): 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 Buchanan Capital Partners 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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