



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Airlines PNG Helps Secure L100 Cargo Aircraft for LNG Project In PNG**

Airlines PNG announced today that it has formed part of a successful contract to service on-going heavy and outsized cargo transport throughout Papua New Guinea to prepare for the escalating construction works taking place on the LNG project.

“The movement of heavy and outsize cargo is a project that has been made possible through the collaborative efforts of a variety of key stakeholders, so we are very excited to be finally able to announce to the public that we are part of the successful team chosen to undertake this expedition.”

“The supply of this type of cargo by air to remote locations in PNG is instrumental in building the fundamental resources required to implement the LNG project. It is also designed to reduce the burden on the country’s main highways,” said an Airlines PNG Spokesperson.

The aircraft type which will be used to carry the cargo will be a special civil Hercules, brought in especially from Anchorage, Alaska under an arrangement with operator Lynden Air Cargo (Lynden) and Adagold Aviation (aviation broker based in Australia).

The multi-tiered deal was arranged by Adagold Aviation over the last 18 months and was struck amongst all interested parties to achieve the best and most cost-effective outcome for the end user client which has won key infrastructure works on the LNG Project.

The cargo will be transported from sea port facilities in Lae onto Tari and Moro in support of the construction camps being built.

Lynden will operate the aircraft under the operational surveillance of Airlines PNG to ensure that all PNG rules and regulations are followed. The aircraft will also be available to move urgent cargo needed by other Papua New Guinea based LNG partners.

The aircraft will service numerous airfields in PNG over the coming months. Airlines PNG will also be performing ground handling services in these locations.

Lynden is an Alaskan company with a strong relationship with Airlines PNG and is highly regarded for performing operations such as this worldwide.

“Together, Airlines PNG and Lynden will play a crucial role in servicing the partners as they work closely with the regulatory bodies to allow the foreign registered aircraft to operate in PNG and achieve the movement of this very important cargo in a timely manner,” an Airlines PNG Spokesperson said.

First flights commenced from Nadzab Airport in Lae last month to mobilise much needed operational equipment.

“This project is history in the making for the PNG nation and we are proud to be playing a key role in building the future of the country.”