

Air Partner working with aid agencies in the wake of devastating earthquake in Nepal

Air Partner, a leading provider of air charter services to governments, corporates and high net worth individuals, has received a large number of aircraft charter enquiries following the earthquake in Nepal on 25 April 2015. The Company is looking at options for various governments, NGOs and aid agencies as part of the rescue mission to help the 6,500 people who are believed to have been injured, as well as the numerous foreign nationals stranded in the country. The earthquake is the worst to have hit Nepal in over 80 years, and more than 3,000 people have lost their lives.

Richard Smith, Director of Freight at Air Partner, commented: *“Since the earthquake hit Nepal on Saturday, our Freight, Commercial Jets and Emergency Planning teams have been working around the clock to provide charter solutions to move search and rescue teams, shelter and medicines to Kathmandu and the surrounding areas. On behalf of a wide range of NGO’s and several governments, we are working hard to support the international relief efforts using our extensive experience in managing passenger and cargo charters in the most challenging environments. Our thoughts are with the friends and families of those who did not survive the disaster.”*

Air Partner Freight charts aircraft of every size to fly cargo anywhere, at any time, whatever its weight, size or shape. From urgent ‘go now’ requirements moving small quantities of automotive spare parts, through to the most complex project cargo shipments taking several months to plan, Air Partner Freight has the skills, experience and expertise to ensure shipments are handled securely and reliably. Air Partner is the only company to provide specific air evacuation planning for any type of industry or organization and the Group’s Emergency Planning Division are experts in planning, executing and managing air support and air evacuations worldwide. The Commercial Jets division has worked with all kinds of industries, including Sport, Music and Film, MICE, and Oil and Gas, and can transport any number of passengers – from 20 to 20,000 – for any kind of offering.

Air Partner is a valued supplier to many national and international organisations and provides aviation solutions to corporates and governments worldwide, including six of the G8 group of governments, NGOs and aid agencies, as well as international and UK royalty. The Company has significant aid and crisis experience. Most recently, Air Partner Freight has transported over 2000 tonnes of medical supplies, humanitarian aid and hospital building supplies in response to the Ebola crisis. In 2013, the Group transported 600 tonnes of humanitarian aid to the Philippines when Typhoon Haiyan devastated the region and during the Arab Spring of 2011, which coincided with several natural disasters, Air Partner worked around the clock to evacuate more than 12,000 people from across the Middle East in just six weeks, while also delivering aid to Japan and New Zealand.

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About Air Partner

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