

Media release

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EFW successfully completes first major Chinese order with the delivery of its eighth freighter to Air China Cargo

On Wednesday, 14 January 2026, Elbe Flugzeugwerke (EFW) delivered the eighth cargo aircraft to their customer Air China Cargo. With this delivery, EFW has successfully completed its first major contract in China. The conversion of the passenger aircraft was planned in Dresden and carried out by Ameco in Chengdu, China, one of eight international conversion sites within EFW's conversion network.

"We take great pride in the successful collaboration between the teams of Air China Cargo and Ameco in the conversion of our inaugural China fleet. We look forward to continuing our partnership for many years to come," said Torsten Kuehn, Head of EFW's Conversion Programme, during a handover ceremony in Chengdu.

Ameco's CEO Shen Min said, "The delivery of the first aircraft was the starting point of our cooperation, and today's full delivery is the prologue of a new stage of cooperation." Ameco will launch a new round of global P2F project cooperation with EFW. Deepening the strategic partnership with EFW, they will jointly promote the continuous development of the P2F ecosystem.

The conversion of the Air China freighters (A330-200) took roughly two years; the first converted freighter was inducted in the first quarter of 2023. For the conversion, EFW brings its expertise and certifications and directly commissions AMECO to carry out the work.

Ameco is in charging of the maintenance for the whole Air China fleet. One of the specialties of the Chengdu site is the conversion of passenger aircrafts into freighters. Ameco and EFW have been working together since July 2022. As part of the cooperation, specialists have been exchanged and trained at each other's locations. EFW experts also support their Chinese colleagues on site during certain phases of the conversion and carry out quality checks and acceptance procedures at the end of the process.

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Elbe Flugzeugwerke (EFW) is a joint venture of ST Engineering and Airbus. It combines various aviation and technology activities under a single roof: development and manufacturing of fibre-reinforced composite components for aircraft structures and interiors of the entire Airbus family, the conversion of passenger aircraft into freighter configuration, maintenance and repair of Airbus aircraft as well as engineering services in the context of certification and approval.

The company has a workforce of about 2,000 employees. With over 20 years of experience and more than 40 conversion customers worldwide, thereof the largest express carriers in North America and Europe but also renowned General Freight and Combination Carriers, EFW is the Centre of Excellence for freighter conversions, driving the development of the Airbus freighter family.