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**Trinity Logistics USA and Etihad Cargo add second weekly frequency  
to Rickenbacker International Airport**  
*U.S. exports help drive demand for service*

COLUMBUS – After an immensely successful partnership moving both imports and exports via weekly wide-body freighter service to Rickenbacker International Airport in Columbus, Ohio, Trinity Logistics USA and Etihad Cargo signed a new agreement valued at USD \$40 million that adds a second weekly flight to begin May 12.

“Our long-term partnered service with Etihad has proven to be very successful with our clients,” said David Pereira, president of Trinity Logistics. “Expanding the contract is a fundamental step toward our commitment to provide best in class service options for our clients and development of our East Coast hub at LCK.”

According to David Kerr, Senior Vice President Etihad Cargo, two new major customers have been secured for the second frequency and their business will make a significant impact on the export side of the business.

“The shippers taking advantage of this route have come to expect a high level of service, speed and predictability in their supply chains,” said Kerr. “We understand the unique needs of our clients and we are committed to being responsive and flexible as we continue to work together to exceed expectations. We place great value in our strong partnership with Trinity as we continue to build out for the future.”

The routing for the new service is Colombo–Columbus–Abu Dhabi, while the first service will continue to operate on the route Colombo–Columbus–East Midlands–Abu Dhabi. The increased capacity was introduced to facilitate the movement of the latest high fashion from Sri Lanka for retailers in the U.S. and to support the U.S. export growth to Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Victoria's Secret, GAP, Nike, Tommy Hilfiger, Speedo and Abercrombie & Fitch are just some of the well-known brands whose products are manufactured in the Indian sub-continent.

“Central Ohio and the surrounding region is truly a hub for the logistics industry, making Rickenbacker an ideal global gateway for both imports and exports,” said Elaine Roberts, President & CEO of Columbus Regional Airport Authority which operates Rickenbacker. “The partnership with Trinity and Etihad has proven to be very valuable and we couldn’t be happier to see it expand.”

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Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Cargo, which operates Boeing 777F aircraft on the route, began weekly flights with New York-based Trinity Logistics in the summer of 2016.

### **About Rickenbacker International Airport**

[Rickenbacker International Airport](#) is one of the world's few cargo-dedicated airports and a critical logistics component of Rickenbacker Inland Port. Located in southeast Columbus, Ohio, Rickenbacker is within a one-day's drive to nearly half of the U.S. population and one-third of the Canadian population.

With regularly scheduled import and export service via Cargolux, Cathay Pacific, Emirates SkyCargo and Etihad Cargo, Rickenbacker specializes in expedited services that moves cargo between planes and trucks faster and more consistently than other gateway airports. With FedEx and UPS on site as well, domestic service accounts for more than half of the cargo moving through Rickenbacker.

### **Photo Caption**

(L) David Pereira, President of Trinity Logistics, and (R) David Kerr, Senior Vice President of Etihad Cargo, confirm the arrangements to add a second weekly frequency for moving imports and exports through Rickenbacker International Airport.

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