



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **POLET AIRLINES SELECT UNITPOOL**

**Zurich, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009** Polet Airlines, best known as a major player within the heavy and outsize cargo segment, recently announced plans to start scheduled cargo services using the newly launched IL-96-400T freighter. This brand new aircraft, which burns 25 - 30% less fuel than the Boeing 747-200F, can accommodate up to 34 PMC pallets in a 25 upper deck and 9 lower deck configuration.

Polet have appointed Unitpool to supply and manage their ULD requirements. Appointing Unitpool ensures that Polet can be fully flexible regarding when and to where they operate their three new aircraft being delivered in 2009, secure in the knowledge that Unitpool will be able to support their ULD needs at short notice. Furthermore, rather than invest up front in purchasing hundreds of pallets and nets, Polet greatly appreciates the flexibility and cost effectiveness of paying for the ULDs they actually need on a monthly basis rather than a fixed cost.

#### **About Polet Airlines**

Polet Airlines operate a fleet of 16 passenger and cargo aircraft including 5 x Antonov An-124-100s used for project and outsize cargo loads and 6 x Saab 2000 aircraft used for passenger transportation in and around Russia. Polet Airlines, which was founded in 1988, is 100% owned by Mr. Anatoly S. Karpov and based in Voronezh, Russia.

For more information on Polet Airlines visit [www.polet.ru](http://www.polet.ru)

#### **About Unitpool**

Unitpool is a Swiss-based asset management company that specializes in supplying and managing a fleet of 22'000 Unit Load Devices (ULD), across more than 250 airports, for a group of 22 member airlines. Unitpool remains the only company to offer airlines a fully managed ULD pooling solution. The company has access to the capital, a global network of suppliers (for repairs and maintenance, logistics and procurement) and with a team of professional staff and a tailor-made ULD management system, the expertise to manage a mission critical activity for its member airlines. Unitpool currently employs 54 staff, most of which are based in the company's 24/7, Bangkok Operations Centre, and in the field managing the ULD pools at critical stations around the globe. Unitpool was acquired by Aviation Services Holdings in October 2007, a company owned by private investors represented by the Afinum Group [www.afinum.de](http://www.afinum.de) and a group of influential aviation investors.

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