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Qatar Airways Cargo Values Long-term Relationship with AL SHAQAB

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***Organisations aim to strengthen
collaboration in equine transportation***

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DOHA, Qatar – Qatar Airways Cargo presented a memento of appreciation to the Executive Director of AL SHAQAB (a member of Qatar Foundation), Mr. Khalifa Al Attiya, today in the presence of both organisations' senior leadership and media. The gesture highlighted the growing business and long-term collaboration in equine transportation between the two organisations.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker, said: "Every customer is at the heart of our business, and we celebrate our longstanding partnership with AL SHAQAB, the region's most dynamic equestrian centre and global equine leader with whom we share common values of dedication, commitment and excellence. We have been honoured to be AL SHAQAB's preferred equine carrier over the years, and we look forward to further cementing our business relationship. At Qatar Airways Cargo, we provide the highest standard of air transfer for horses that guarantees care, comfort and safe movement from origin to destination."

The Executive Director of AL SHAQAB, Mr. Khalifa Al Attiya, said: "Qatar Airways Cargo is exceptionally professional and proficient in equine transportation. Its expansive network and freighter fleet ease our collaboration by offering speedy and safe equine transportation for our major events in Doha and overseas. We are particularly pleased with the cargo carrier's dedicated staff and its spacious live animal centre at Hamad International Airport that ensure stress-free transfer of our sensitive and high value horses. We know we can rely on Qatar Airways Cargo to provide the required special care during all phases of transportation."

Located in the State of Qatar and spread out over 980,000 square metres and with a stable capacity to accommodate more than 400 horses, AL SHAQAB is a leading equine education resource and breeding centre for Arabian horses, offering endurance and equine education. Distinguished by its dynamic architectural design, with a central horseshoe shape, AL SHAQAB is passionately committed to preserving Qatar's heritage by promoting the Arabian horse breed and setting the highest standards in horse welfare, breeding, equine education and research.

Qatar Airways Cargo has been transporting horses for AL SHAQAB since 2012. To date, the cargo carrier has flown more than 700 horses for AL SHAQAB. The airline transports more than 100 champion horses every year for their annual CHI AL SHAQAB event. This is the only Concours Hippique International competition of its kind in the Middle East and Asia to be sanctioned by the FEI (Fédération Equestre Internationale or International Equestrian Federation) and one of only four CHI equestrian events in the world, featuring the Olympic disciplines of Show Jumping, Dressage and Para-Dressage. Among the horses transported are Olympic and other world-class tournament winners.

The cargo carrier also transports horses for the Longines Global Championship Tour held at AL SHAQAB every year, and will be transporting 100 horses this November for the grand finale of the Championship tour.

Qatar Airways Cargo offers a modern fleet of Boeing 777, Airbus A330 and Boeing 747 freighters with controlled temperature zones, a network of more than 150 destinations, comfortable and spacious horse stalls and seats for grooms on board the freighters. Its state-of-the-art, live animal facility in Doha offers a temperature-controlled environment with air conditioned holding stalls, a paddock and on-site veterinary personnel.

The cargo carrier has a wealth of experience in the transportation of animals around the world and provides scheduled as well as charter services for live animal transportation, including pets, falcons, tropical fish, cattle, day-old chicks and exotic animals for zoo exchange, conservation and breeding projects. Its animal handling processes are fully compliant with IATA's Live Animals Regulations and the rules and regulations set out by local and global authorities on live animal transport.

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About Qatar Airways Cargo:

Qatar Airways Cargo, the world's third largest international cargo carrier, serves more than 60 exclusive freighter destinations worldwide via its Doha hub and also delivers freight to more than 150 key business and leisure destinations globally on over 200 aircraft. The Qatar Airways Cargo fleet now includes one Boeing 747-8, 13 Boeing 777 and eight Airbus A330 freighters.

About AL SHAQAB:

Since its establishment in 1992, AL SHAQAB's vision was to build on Qatar's Arabian horse heritage and be a leading, global centre for equine professionals while providing an engaging experience for the community. Global leadership has not only meant preserving, improving and promoting the Arabian horse breed, but also encouraging the community in this unique, traditional cultural sport.

World Champion stallions Gazal AL SHAQAB, Al Adeed AL SHAQAB and Marwan AL SHAQAB, alongside their offsprings have enhanced the pedigree of Arabian horses not only in Qatar, but around the world. In 2004, AL SHAQAB became a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development to continue its mission to promote the breeding and showing of Arabian horses, and to provide educational and competitive opportunities in the equestrian arts.

Today, AL SHAQAB's impressive facilities, which are distinctively designed in the shape of a horseshoe, cover 980, 000 square metres. With a state-of-the-art main arena comprising both an indoor and outdoor venue capable of holding over 5000 spectators, AL SHAQAB is part of Qatar's growing reputation on the world stage that showcases its ability to host major international sports event at the highest level.

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