GAZPROMNEFT-AERO HOSTS DATA EXCHANGE IN AVIATION FUEL SUPPLY CONFERENCE WITH IATA IN RUSSIA

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Gazpromneft-Aero, the aviation-fuel business operator of Gazprom Neft, and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) hosted, for the first time in Russia, an international conference for standardization of data exchange in aviation fuel supply. New electronic formats developed by the Fuel Data Standards Group (IATA FDSG*), which includes some of the largest global aviation fuel suppliers, airlines and IT vendors associated with aviation fuel, will significantly reduce labor inputs and accelerate document circulation by processing aviation fuel operations data online.

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The conference held in the Sheremetyevo International Airport was attended by representatives from Russia's Ministry of Transport, Federal Antimonopoly Authority, aviation fuel operators, airports, and 16 Russian and international airlines. The Gazpromneft-Aero's experts, also members of the IATA FDSG presented the document templates. These are based on the universal digital format (XML) and will facilitate information exchange between airlines and fuel suppliers at each key stages of the fuel supply process including the tender, online request for fueling, transfer of a digital purchasing order, payment of invoice and reconciliation of payments.**

During the conference, participants inspected aircraft fueling by a Gazpromneft-Aero fuel truck equipped with an automated commercial accounting module with a GSM transmitter for online information on fueling parameters.

Vladimir Egorov, CEO of Gazpromneft-Aero, said: "Introducing global standards for aviation fuel supply in Russia is a priority for the company. State-of-the-art digital formats for information exchange is the future of the aviation fuel industry. We are proud of the fact that we are the first in Russia to develop and introduce these technologies. The IATA conference has made it possible for us to demonstrate to the Russian aviation industry the step-by-step logistics of changing to international standards of data transfer for aviation fuel operations. The introduction of state-of-the-art information systems and unified formats of data exchange will help to improve competitiveness, reduce expenses, as well as enable airlines and suppliers to adapt quickly to the air transport market trends and offer new services and ways of organizing efficient fueling processes at hundreds of international airports".

Lasantha Subasinghe, IATA's Director Aviation Fuel, said: "We thank Gazpromneft-Aero, as a member of IATA FDSG, for helping conduct the first international conference in Russia to encourage digital information exchange between aviation fuel market participants. Similar conferences have been scheduled for 2017 in New York and Singapore for the purpose of sharing knowledge with the industry. The long-term objective of IATA is to introduce global standards for aviation fuel data exchange around the world which will undoubtedly improve efficiency of airlines', suppliers' and in to plane operations and minimize errors".

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