

January 21st, 2006 – DUBAI - Afghanistan's national airline Ariana Afghan Airlines and UAE's renowned integrated freight forwarding & logistics provider, Consolidated Shipping Services Group (CSS) recently entered a cargo sales agreement to handle air freight from the U.A.E to Afghanistan.

The appointment of CSS, effective January 2006 as the General Sales Agent (GSA) for Dubai area, for cargo comes in the wake of a recent announcement by Ariana Afghan Airlines fleet renewal plans within the passenger business.

Initially, Ariana Afghan Airlines will operate IL-76 aircrafts with a frequency of 2 flights a week (Sunday and Thursday), starting end January 2006 and will later increase the frequency depending on cargo traffic on the route.

With peace once again gracing the nation, Afghanistan in the recent years has been treading the path of reconstruction and today the nation has seen itself surging ahead at a rather steady pace. As a National carrier, Ariana Afghan Airlines has been playing a great role across both passenger and cargo transportation. The appointment of CSS, one of the leading NVOs in the region has been a positive step taken by the airline to ensure a successful freight business proposition.