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### ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES NEWS

#### Cargo Terminal Nears Completion

Ethiopian Airlines cargo terminal at its Addis Ababa hub will be completed in November 2005. Occupying an area of 14,000 square meters the terminal will have a capacity in excess of 100 000 tons air cargo per year.

ICM Airport Technics GmbH, a 70% subsidiary of Unitechnik, was awarded the contract to erect the automated material handling system of the terminal. Unitechnik will supply the entire control system for the project.

Addis Ababa, and hence its airport, due to its strategic location, has the potential to establish itself as an international hub for perishables such as flowers, fruit and meat. Prerequisite however is a facility that handles cargo in accordance with international standards and expectations. Perishables require, as highest priority, rapid processing as well as the maintenance of the integrity of the cold chain. It is for these reasons that a modern cargo terminal is a necessity.



Design of the new cargo terminal.gif

The different areas in this perishable part of the terminal can be set at temperatures varying from minus 23 °C to plus 11 °C. Two Elevating Transfer Vehicles (ETVs) store and retrieve ULDs (Unit Load Device - aluminium containers used to transport cargo in aircraft) that can weigh up to 6.8 tons. These ETVs operate in automatic mode on rails in a 200 location multi level storage rack, storing the ULDs with fast and reliable efficiency. It is expected that the terminal will go on line by the end of 2005, and will be one of, if not the most modern such facility in Africa.



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