



# press release

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## **GEODIS DELIVERS 13 MILLION MASKS TO THE U.S. WITH THE HELP OF AN ANTONOV AN-124 AIRCRAFT**

GEODIS, leading global supply chain operator, has transported 13 million masks from China to the U.S. utilizing an Antonov AN-124, the world's second largest aircraft. This shipment of personal protective equipment (PPE) arrived at Hartsfield – Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) at 4 p.m. last Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> May) and is the largest delivered to the airport during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“With the help of an Antonov AN-124, GEODIS has been able to make sure millions of essential workers receive the masks they need to stay safe and healthy during these unprecedented times,” said GEODIS Americas President & CEO Randy Tucker. “Our team at GEODIS and our partners, including the Hartsfield – Jackson Atlanta International Airport, that helped make this happen so quickly are supply-chain heroes. We are proud to serve on the front line in partnership with our clients to keep essential materials moving across the globe and business running at a time when the world needs us most.”

The Antonov, which GEODIS chartered on behalf of its client, is an aircraft specially designed for transporting large quantities of cargo. It has the added benefit of allowing freight to be rolled on and off the plane, making loading and unloading operations easier and faster.

Experienced in this critical element of the global supply chain response to COVID-19, GEODIS established an air bridge between China and France to transport PPE for the French Government as early as March. Involving multiple flights over the subsequent weeks, and employing two Antonov AN-124s, the consignments will consist of several hundred million masks.

### **GEODIS – [www.geodis.com](http://www.geodis.com)**

GEODIS is a top-rated, global supply chain operator recognized for its passion and commitment to helping clients overcome their logistical constraints. GEODIS' growth-focused offerings (Supply Chain Optimization, Freight Forwarding, Contract Logistics, Distribution & Express, and Road Transport) coupled with the company's truly global reach thanks to a direct presence in 67 countries, and a global network spanning 120 countries, translates in top business rankings, #1 in France, #4 in Europe and #7 worldwide. In 2018, GEODIS accounted for over 41,000 employees globally and generated €8.2 billion in sales.

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