

Time Critical Solutions Worldwide (TCS) will shortly celebrate its first birthday. In June last year Cargo Magazine spoke with owner and founder Sander van Woelik about the company he had started a few months earlier. We are interested to hear about the company's first year offering time-critical services to forwarders around the world. Jan van Brenk of transport company Road Air Cargo Europe with whom TCS works, tells us about the services his company offers.

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Creative solutions for urgent shipments

TCS Worldwide further expands its service

“TCS made a flying start”, Sander begins. “We could never have dreamt that so many freight forwarders would support us from day one. Not only agents in the Netherlands but forwarders from virtually all corners of the world are making use of our services. To summarise: TCS Worldwide is doing well and I am grateful for the trust our customers have shown in us.”

It was certainly bold to start a new company in the anxious period in which the world has been now for almost two years. “That’s right. But, at the same time, it also provided opportunities for the type of services we offer. Certainly, initially there was a sharp decline in cargo capacity as airlines were grounding their

aircraft. As a result of this, there was increasing demand from, notably, the automotive industry for just-in-time deliveries. Furthermore, in the

summer when passenger transport started up again, there was a greater demand for OBC as a solution for AOG (Aircraft on Ground) situations.”





Sander van Woosik

TCS does not offer OBC for all time-critical shipments from forwarders. TCS can, for example, at the customer's request, deploy an air cargo charter when a deadline would not be reached via the OBC service. Within Europe TCS offers 'dedicated drives' for urgent shipments that cannot be forwarded as air freight due to their dimensions, weight or commodity type. TCS works with road transporters that have extensive vehicle fleets ranging from small and mid-size vans to the largest trucks. "Dedicated

also means exclusive", Sander says. "There is no co-loading; only the customer's consignment is loaded and transported. The consignment is never transferred to another van or truck. The vehicle stays closed, from pick-up to delivery. Furthermore, we treat a dedicated drive exactly the same as an OBC: the customer receives pro-active updates from every milestone along the journey."

Highlighted: transport of an aircraft engine

A completely different ballgame is the road transport of an aircraft engine. When an aircraft is AOG and literally grounded with a defect, it is important that a repair and spare parts replacement takes place as speedily as possible. In fact, the costs of an AOG rise very rapidly when no revenue is coming in. While smaller parts are perfect for delivery on time by an OBC at the place where they are needed, it is a different story with an aircraft engine. "We see increasing demand for aircraft engines to be transported throughout Europe as quickly as possible", Sander advises.

Road Air Cargo Europe

For the intra-European transport of an aircraft engine, TCS works with transport companies specialising in

this. Road Air Cargo from Susteren in Limburg is an independent company transporting air cargo shipments by road throughout Europe. Before he established Road Air Cargo in 2013, Director Jan van Brenk had years of air cargo experience.

The transport company, with Regulated Agent status, has its own trailers for the most diverse transport. Jan: "The Aircraft on Ground service is one of our specialties. We know, like no other, how important it is to get spare parts to an aircraft that is on the ground as quickly as possible. Here lies the interface with the service offered by TCS Worldwide. We are talking about very urgent shipments. When TCS receives a request from a forwarder to transport an aircraft engine in Europe then Road Air Cargo can take care of every last detail. Of course, we can also transport less voluminous parts to their destination. All of our trucks – refrigerated trailers, curtain side trailers, cabinet and open trailers – have a roller bed floor. We have a solution for almost every request: from ADR, oversized transport to SPX. We can also store and transfer SPX consignments."

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