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Guardian Global Transport Signs Agent Agreement with Cechofracht SK, a.s.

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, MN—Guardian Global Transport, a Minnesota-based international freight forwarder specializing in the Eastern European market, entered into an agent agreement with Slovakian carrier Cechofracht SK, a.s. The announcement was made by Guardian's Director of International Operations Kurt Kieser Kisting.

"We are pleased that our negotiations with Cechofracht were successful," Kieser Kisting said, "and we anticipate a long and mutually beneficial relationship." Cechofracht SK will provide air and ocean cargo services for Slovakian imports and exports, and Guardian will reciprocate in North America and other countries in which Guardian conducts business.

Andrea Spisakova, general director and deputy chairman of the board and general director of Cechofracht SK said, "The contract signing with (Guardian) will guarantee the development of combined transports with a possibility of a door-to-door cargo delivery. This will provide our clients with a full service sea, air, cargo." Cechofracht also recently opened a new branch office in Kosice located in the eastern part of the country, and launched a new project Aug. 1, 2006, "in order to service piece deliveries from or to the Czech and Slovak system with a connection to Europe," according to Spisakova.

"The emergence of Eastern Europe as a region of free and democratic states offers exciting business opportunities for entrepreneurs not just in formerly Communist countries," said Guardian Sr. Vice President Robert J. Masters, "but around the world. The internet has opened windows into locales where commerce has traditionally existed only marginally," he said. "The free flow of information and of goods and services has the capacity to improve local economies and living standards, and augment the exchange of ideas," he added. What might have been a cottage industry with limited markets in the past, Master said, can now sell products anywhere on the face of the earth and transportation services have never been more important.

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Cechofracht will provide freight handling services including port-to-port and door-to-door, warehousing, transportation, consolidation and deconsolidation on both air and ocean cargo, and will have web-integrated supply chain visibility via Guardian's own order entry and tracking software, Clarity™.

Guardian Global Transport is headquartered in the Minneapolis, MN, suburb of Mendota Heights and has agents in 200 countries. The company was founded in 1991. Cechofracht SK, headquartered in Bratislava, Slovakia, is a subsidiary of Cechofracht a.s., one of the largest providers of freight forwarding services in the Czech Republic. Cechofracht a.s. was founded in 1953.

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