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Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub: Press Release

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Yours faithfully,
For **Blue Dart Express Ltd.**

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Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium successfully commences its ambitious VLOS and BVLOS drone trials to support delivery of medical and emergency supplies in India

~This marks a step towards advanced logistics solutions to supply vaccines to remote areas in the country~

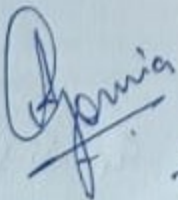
National, September 11th, 2021: Blue Dart, India's leading express logistics service provider and part of the Deutsche Post DHL Group (DPDHL) announced that it has successfully commenced Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) drone delivery trials under the Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium in Vikarabad, Hyderabad on September 9th, 2021. Blue Dart is proud to be given the first opportunity amongst various consortiums to initiate the Drone trials. Balfour Manuel, Managing Director, Blue Dart attended the launch as the organization furthered its technological prowess. Launched under Telangana Government's 'Medicine from the Sky' project, these trials have delivered promising results, bringing the country one step closer in ensuring the last-mile delivery of vaccines. Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) trials were initiated on September 11th, 2021 and will continue on till the end of the week.

This event was graced by Sri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India, Shri KT Rama Rao, Hon'ble Minister for ITE&C, I&C and MAUD, Govt. of Telangana, Shri Pradeep Singh Kharola, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India, Smt. Rama Devi Lanka, Director of Emerging Technologies, Govt. of Telangana, and Smt. Nikhila, Collector & District Magistrate, Vikarabad District.

The Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium was formed earlier this year with the mission of revolutionizing the delivery of vaccines and emergency medical supplies to the remotest parts of India with Drones. Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium is a part of the 'Medicine from the Sky' project in collaboration with the Government of Telangana, World Economic Forum, Niti Aayog and Healthnet Global.

Commenting on the launch, Balfour Manuel, Managing Director, Blue Dart said, "Blue Dart is championing future-ready technology; and collaborating with the Government of Telangana in its 'Medicine from the Sky' project, provided us with a perfect opportunity. The initiative is aimed at creating a robust healthcare infrastructure for last-mile delivery in the interior of India, providing every individual with the healthcare they deserve. As we witness the marvel of drone technology, we look forward to extending this service across the nation and bringing the world closer to these remote areas."

Ketan Kulkarni, CMO and Head – Business Development, Blue Dart shared his thoughts on this event saying, "Technology has become the backbone of not just the logistics industry, but of almost every industry across the world. At Blue Dart, technology continues to be an important pivot for our business and these drone trials are just the beginning of what we aim to explore. In line with our organization's 'First In Last Out' policy, we have created these opportunities to



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contribute to the development of our nation while we achieve our business goals. Blue Dart will leave no stone unturned to make logistics in India remarkable and trustworthy."

The **Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium** drone delivery trials currently involve the delivery of vaccines from Vikarabad to the primary health care centre in Sidduloor using a multi-rotor drone. A total of 6-7 trials for VLOS operations (upto 1km) and 4-5 trials for BVLOS operations (upto 9kms) were conducted per day. Operated by remote pilots, the drone can travel up to 10kms in a single run, at a speed of 32 kms per hour. These Unmanned Aircraft Systems or drones can even handle Blue Dart's specialised Temperature Controlled Shipments with a payload of up to 5kgs and are equipped to pick up and deliver the shipment from the distribution centre to the towns that need the medical supplies and vice versa. The task to bring vaccines and such emergency supplies to remote areas at perilous heights and volatile terrains is not easily achieved without technology. These trials mark the beginning of an advanced age in logistics for the nation.

Leading the Express Logistics industry for close to three decades, Blue Dart's Reliability, Resilience and Responsiveness enabled it to continue fulfilling its role as the Trade Facilitator to the Nation during these challenging times. Blue Dart played an active role in the nation's fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic by partnering with the Government of India's 'Lifeline Udan' initiative in the delivery of mission-critical supplies including essentials such as PPE kits, enzymes, Blood samples, medicines, respirators etc. On the international front, Blue Dart has also been operating cross border to China (Guangzhou and Shanghai), to support the carriage of medical supplies, and expanded its charters to Myanmar, Hong Kong, and Bangladesh. Blue Dart has also facilitated movement of crucial shipments for COVID-19 related clinical trials, COVID samples as well as vaccines against the virus, domestically while also aiding the first-mile movement of these shipments across borders to Bhutan and Albania, amongst other nations. Apart from this, Blue Dart is also flying its charters to carry oximeters, ventilators and oxygen concentrators.

The **Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium** Drone flights will deploy an immersive delivery model to optimize the current healthcare logistics within Telangana. Leveraging an efficient system of this kind, Blue Dart intends on supporting and improving the healthcare logistics infrastructure to be faster and more efficient, especially in rural & deep rural interiors of the nation.

About Blue Dart:

Blue Dart Express Ltd., South Asia's premier express air and integrated transportation & distribution company, offers secure and reliable delivery of consignments to over 35,000 locations in India. As part of Deutsche Post DHL Group's DHL eCommerce Solutions division, Blue Dart accesses the largest and most comprehensive express and logistics network worldwide, covering over 220 countries & territories, and offers an entire spectrum of distribution services including air express, freight forwarding, supply chain solutions, customs clearance etc.

The Blue Dart team drives market leadership through its motivated people, dedicated air and ground capacity, cutting-edge technology, a wide range of innovative, vertical-specific products and value-added services to deliver unmatched standards of service quality to its customers. Blue Dart's market leadership



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is further validated by its position as the nation's most innovative and awarded express logistics company for exhibiting reliability, superior brand experience and sustainability which include recognition as one of 'India's Best Companies to Work For' by The Great Place to Work® Institute, India, ranked amongst 'Best Multinational Workplaces in Asia' by The Great Place to Work® Institute, Asia, voted a 'Superbrand' and 'Reader's Digest Most Trusted Brand', listed as one of Fortune 500's 'India's Largest Corporations' and Forbes 'India's Super 50 Companies' to name a few.

Under the DHL Group credo of 'Connecting People, Improving Lives,' we focus our corporate responsibility under three pillars - GoTeach (Championing education), GoGreen (Protecting the environment) and GoHelp (Structures engagement with communities & Disaster management response).

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