



# Hong Kong has the chemistry ..

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**A**LTHOUGH revenue-generating pharmaceuticals transportation has long been centre stage in many air cargo businesses, it currently plays only a minor supporting role at Hong Kong Air Cargo Industry Services (Hacıs).

But this could all change in the future, hints the logistics support provider's managing director, Vivien Lau (pictured, right).

"Our operation is currently small, but it has considerable potential," she attests. "We have the full capability and resources for handling temperature-controlled pharma and life sciences traffic."

Lau makes reference to the company's modern headquarters at Hong Kong International Airport's 570,000-sq m Terminal One, which also houses its spacious temperature-controlled store room.

Established in 1984, Hacıs is a wholly-

owned subsidiary of one of the world's largest air cargo terminal operators – Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Ltd (HACTL). Its services cover imports and exports logistics in the Special Administrative Region and southern China.

The firm also owns pharmaceutical-friendly trucks, which are fully-equipped with monitor panels to ensure that time-sensitive freight is kept within the required temperature ranges whilst being conveyed between China and Hong Kong.

In order to minimise overall handling times, Hacıs' express centre is situated in close proximity to the super terminal, facilitating the speedy transfer of ULDs to waiting aircraft.

And, its investment in infrastructure seems to be paying off. "We recently began an integrated pharma logistics service for a major logistics provider with traffic from China, through to Hong Kong and on to various destinations around the world," reveals Lau.



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traffic flows from this customer and from others."

Lau underscores that being based in Hong Kong does not preclude Hacıs from exploring other markets in the future.