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Aruba Airport Authority Announces Universal to Build New General Aviation Terminal

Oranjestad, Aruba, February 23, 2005 – At a press conference held at the Reina Beatrix Airport on the island of Aruba, the Aruba Airport Authority announced today that Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. has been awarded the concession to build and operate a new General Aviation Terminal at the Reina Beatrix Airport.

The new terminal building will be approximately 1,500 square meters and will have direct access roads and accommodate customs and immigration on-site. Ground handling services and amenities will include dedicated ramp and parking space, Jet A and AVGAS, pilot and passenger lounges, coordination of all ground transportation, catering, line maintenance, flight planning and weather briefings. Many of the team members will be from the local area and will successfully complete UVglobal Network's Ground Services Training program that is used throughout the network, which is now located in over 50 countries. The new facility will give general aviation aircraft complete independence from the main terminal.

Construction of the new terminal is scheduled to start within 90 days. Ground handling and support will be provided from temporary facilities as early as April 2005.

“We are pleased today to have signed this concession agreement with Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc.,” stated Mr. Peter Steinmetz, Managing Director of the Aruba Airport Authority. “The new FBO service will improve the service to private and business jet operators. Extra jobs will be created and we anticipate a growth in the general aviation traffic to Aruba through our participation in a global network. We look forward to working with the Universal team.”

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"Our goal is to attract business aviation traffic to Aruba by providing operational excellence and adhering to the highest level of customer service standards," stated Ralph Vasami, President, Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. "By developing this new location with all the amenities operators desire, we can promote Aruba as both a final destination and a quick turn-around fuel stop to the general aviation community and our clients for whom Universal provides trip support."

Once completed, this facility will become the newest member location of the UVglobal Network[®], a network of ground handlers and service providers that supports business aviation operators worldwide. "As a member of the UVglobal Network, the general aviation terminal in Aruba will immediately become part of a brand that is recognized throughout the world for a high level of consistency and quality service," stated Charles Mularski, International Development Manager, UVglobal Network. "This places Aruba in the eyes of the aviation industry as a professional operation that is ready to meet their needs."

Since 1959, Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc., the pioneer of international flight support services for corporate aviation, has been arranging, coordinating and providing a wide range of services in support of a trip for operators worldwide. This "*seamless service from start to finish*" trip support includes flight planning, permits, discount crew accommodations, worldwide weather forecasting, flight status, online weather & flight planning, the UVair[®] Fueling Card Program, the UVglobal Network[®], FlightPak[®] scheduling software and UVdatalink[®] air-to-ground communications.

UVglobal Network, a division of Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc., has members located in more than 50 countries. The network was created to bring a level of consistency and quality service to aircraft operators traveling worldwide by requiring experienced ground service providers to follow defined service standards. These standards include appearance, available services, signage and experience. Staff members must speak English and be uniformed for easy recognition. Strategically located to cover the globe, Network Members are chosen in key locations where stopovers and turns are common.

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