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Universal Expands Trip Support Available Through European Operations Centre

Houston, TX (May 2, 2006) – Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. (Universal®) has announced that its European Operations Centre (EOC) will expand its service "territory" to include Russia and members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

Wholly owned by Universal and operated by Universal Aviation (UK) Ltd., the EOC provides Europe-based operators the convenience of working with trip support specialists familiar with the unique concerns of flying within Europe. Based on feedback and need, Universal identified an opportunity to extend full trip support services to clients flying to and from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

“With our experience serving the flight planning and slot coordination needs of our clients in Europe, it was a logical progression to offer them our full trip support services when the Centre was created,” said Barry Burton, Manager, European Operations Centre. “Now, with the growth of traffic in the region, the timing is right for us to further extend our services to clients traveling to and from Russia and all the CIS states.”

Clients can now work directly with the EOC – based at London-Stansted Airport – to schedule and plan their flights, obtain the necessary permits and documentation, coordinate ground-handling arrangements, and more.

“We are continually evolving our services to better fit the needs of European operators,” said Jonathan Howells, Regional Director of Europe, Middle East and Africa. “This expansion of our services illustrates Universal’s commitment to becoming the provider of choice for Europe-based operators traveling within Europe and beyond.”

To contact the European Operations Centre, call +44 1279 666 050, or e-mail eoc@univ-wea.com.

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