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## **Universal, Rockwell Collins Team Up to Develop Improved Data Link Cockpit Communications**

**Houston, TX** (August 2, 2006) – Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc., (Universal<sup>®</sup>) and Rockwell Collins recently teamed up to offer a new system that provides up-to-the-minute communication services to an aircraft's cockpit.

Rockwell Collins' Pro Line<sup>™</sup> 21 system, along with Universal's UVdatalink<sup>®</sup> Aircraft Communications Addressing and Reporting System (ACARS) service, allows pilots to instantly access strategic information in-flight. The system is designed to reduce the congestion on voice frequencies, decrease pilots' workload in-flight and save time.

UVdatalink<sup>®</sup> has also developed a computer-based flash training module, which allows pilots full data link functionalities for training. This can be accessed from the UVdatalink<sup>®</sup> area of the Universal<sup>®</sup> Registered Users Web site.

“Rockwell Collins is pleased with the response from our Pro Line<sup>™</sup> 21 customers to the new data link features offered by UVdatalink<sup>®</sup> such as text weather reports,” said Tim Rayl, Sr. Director of BRS (Business Regional Systems) Marketing. “Rockwell Collins and Universal<sup>®</sup> have worked together to bring the long-awaited capability for data linked strategic weather, messaging services and other functionality to the market this year. We look forward to adding more capability via UVdatalink<sup>®</sup> to bring more benefits to Pro Line<sup>™</sup> 21 flight decks in the future.”

UVdatalink<sup>®</sup> features include text weather reports and graphical weather charts with worldwide availabilities, including Nexrad radar; weather depiction, winds and temps aloft, icing and turbulence; air traffic services (D-ATIS, PreDeparture and Oceanic Clearances); free text messaging to and from aircraft; weight-OFF- and weight-ON-wheels reports; position reports; flight plan and flight plan winds uplink; and Internet services, including, weather, flight planning, online invoices and fuel quotes.

The system comes installed on such new aircraft models as Bombardier's Challenger 300; Challenger 605; and Learjet 60XR; Cessna's Citation Jet 1 (CJ1+); Citation Jet 2 (CJ2+); Citation Jet 3 (CJ3); and Encore+; Gulfstream 150; Piaggio P180 Avanti II; Raytheon's Premier 1A; and Hawker 800XPi; as well as retrofit aircraft models Dassault Falcon 20; Falcon 50; and Falcon 200; Challenger 601; Citation 501; and Astra.

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