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Universal Introduces Enhanced Security Service Offering Country Briefs from Third-Party Provider to Include 'Risk Sub-Ratings'

Houston, Texas – Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. today announced a major enhancement to its security services offering: an improved country brief that provides up-to-the-minute, country-specific security intelligence for dispatchers, pilots, crews, and passengers.

Universal[®] currently offers a broad suite of security services through third-party providers, ranging from alerts and assessments to armed guards – all designed to help clients prepare for security, cultural, political, and other related issues they may encounter during trips.

The enhanced country brief now includes 10 categories of intelligence information about a country, including security, health, transportation, entry and exit, culture, weather, environment, financial and communications information. That information is presented to the client in the form of a risk assessment rating or ranking. Rankings that rate a country at a “one” indicate low risk, with a “five” indicating a high risk. The new country brief also provides six sub-ratings: crime, security services, civil unrest, terrorism, kidnapping, and geopolitical. This additional intelligence enables Universal[®] customers to make more informed decisions.

In addition, the briefs are frequently updated with destination-specific advisories and intelligence for 183 countries and 282 cities worldwide, backed by a large, diverse and experienced staff of geographic analysts and subject matter experts working in 20 languages.

The security services' professional staff draws upon thousands of sources and is supported by a network of hundreds of on-the-ground human intelligence experts around the world who provide the information, all of which is independently verified for accuracy.

“Quality and trust are the watchwords of any good global intelligence resource,” said David Solo, who facilitates Universal's security services. “The country or risk assessment rankings that we provide are based on what our clients tell us they need to know before they go. These briefs change dynamically as conditions change, so we can provide our clients with the latest information.”

“This is an exceptionally strong network of information resources and professionals working around the clock, keeping their eyes and ears on world situations for our clients in real time,” Solo added.

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Universal's security service offerings, provided through third-party vendors, also include contracts for on-site physical security for personnel, aircraft, and cargo. In addition, location-specific assessments on cities, airports, and hotels are designed to provide clients with a range of security information options. To provide clients with timely access to all of Universal's security information, assessments and intelligence briefs are available for delivery to clients via fax or e-mail

To learn more about Universal's security services, contact a Universal team member at Worldwide (713) 378-8081 or N. America Toll-Free (800) 231-8648 x8081.

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At Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc., our goal is to become a vital extension of our clients' flight operations teams. Universal® offers a wide range of services designed to provide business aviation operators seamless service from start to finish. Universal's wide range of services includes flight planning, weather, briefings, online tools, the UVair® Fueling Card and the UVglobal Network®, UVdatalink® air-to-ground communication and more. Universal® has been facilitating successful trips for business aviation operators since 1959.

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