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Universal Opens Regionally Based Middle East Operations Centre

Houston, Texas and Dubai, United Arab Emirates (May 22, 2007) - In response to growing regionally based traffic, Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. officially opened its Middle East Operations Centre (MEOC) this month, which is operated by Universal Aviation Middle East FZE. The MEOC serves the Middle East-based client flying in and around the region, and is headed up by Jess Gassaway, General Manager. The MEOC provides complete trip support services that include flight planning, weather briefs, ground handling arrangements, hotel and transportation accommodations, and more.

“The MEOC focuses on enhancing services to Middle East-based clients,” Gassaway said. “Having a trip support operations center located in Dubai allows us to better ‘quality control’ service issues and give our Middle East-based clients access to a Trip Support Specialist in their own time zone, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

Jeff Briand, Senior Vice President of Operations for Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. in Houston, commented that the expansion of regional operations in the Middle East is consistent with the company’s strategy of ensuring clients have local expertise – with global resources – to support their regional trips. “While our experts in Universal’s headquarters in Houston will continue to support domestic operators flying to and from the Middle East, it makes sense that, where we have a growing client base – like the Middle East – we establish a local presence so we can be more accessible to our regionally-based clients. We actually ‘launched’ this model when our subsidiary in the United Kingdom opened the European Operations Centre in 2003, and it’s been very well received. Obviously, we’re looking forward to that same success here.”

In an additional effort to support traffic in the Middle East, Universal Aviation Middle East FZE and Executive Flight Service forged a unique and beneficial agreement whereby Universal will support EFS with training and service enhancements, and EFS will execute handling activities on the ground.

Operating out of a new facility, EFS is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is located at Dubai International Airport, adjacent to the Dubai Air Show location. This new location features direct, easy access to the terminal and corporate aircraft parking areas, available hangar parking, a brand-new VIP handling terminal, 14 VIP/Executive Lounges, and faster access to customs and immigration processing areas located in the building. A new hangar facility will be open by mid-2007.

On-site services include catering arrangements, crew and passenger airside transport, ground transportation, and hotel accommodations. Crew and passengers have access to telephones, e-

mail and fax. Air-to-ground communications are located in the facility and in airside transport vans.

For more information on the Middle East Operations Center call 971-4-288-6120 or email meops@univ-wea.com.

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