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## Universal Recommends Finalizing Ryder Cup Plans ASAP

**Houston, TX** (July 12, 2006) – Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. is recommending all corporate aviation travelers tentatively planning to attend this year’s Ryder Cup<sup>®</sup> golf tournament in Ireland, or with other travel plans to the area during the time of the event, finalize their plans as soon as possible.

The immensely popular Ryder Cup will be held at the K Club in Straffran, County Kildare, Ireland from September 22-26. Brendan O’Grady, Managing Director, Universal Aviation in Ireland, a member of the UVglobal Network<sup>®</sup>, advised that even those travelers not attending the golf event should keep in mind several operational issues.

“Aircraft parking slots and lodging in Dublin are extremely limited and are filling rapidly,” explained O’Grady, who offered solutions to the parking and lodging situation in Dublin. “One alternative to high-priced parking fees in Dublin, are the preferential parking and handling rates offered through Universal Aviation in Shannon, only a 20-minute flight away. Hotel accommodations in the Dublin area will be scarce and could be more expensive. For positioning crews, Shannon also offers great crew hotel options.”

Ryder Cup attendees should also be aware of the travel times to and from Dublin to the K Club, which is approximately 15 miles (37 km) from Dublin Airport. Due to the anticipated heavy Ryder Cup traffic, however, this trip could take as long as an hour by car.

An alternative to ground transportation is to travel via helicopter, said O’Grady.

“Travel time to the K Club via helicopter is approximately 12 minutes, with the last flight leaving K Club at 19:30 local time,” he said. “The helicopter drop-off/pick-up point is a 10-minute drive from Dublin Airport. Universal Aviation can provide access to and assistance with VIP helicopter transfers to K Club.”

And for those not interested in attending the golf event, Universal<sup>®</sup> will provide full concierge services. “Our chauffeured Range Rovers will transport your guests anywhere such as world-class shopping sites and we are happy to book everything from reservations in the finest restaurants to theatre tickets and other sightseeing attractions,” said O’Grady.

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