



**NORTHWEST OFFERS BUSINESSES A BETTER TRAVEL PAYMENT AND
MANAGEMENT OPTION WITH NEW AIRPLUS COMPANY ACCOUNT**
Airline's corporate customers to benefit from new reporting capabilities

MINNEAPOLIS and WASHINGTON DC – (February 02, 2005) – Northwest Airlines and AirPlus today unveiled the Northwest Airlines AirPlus Company Account, an air travel payment, billing and reporting system that provides the airline's corporate customers with a new option to pay for travel on Northwest/KLM and more than 200 other carriers, charge other travel expenses and help manage their company's travel budgets.

“The Northwest Airlines AirPlus Company Account empowers our corporate customers by providing them with a convenient payment system and access to the most comprehensive array of travel reporting in the industry,” said Fay Beauchine, vice president of sales and customer care at Northwest Airlines. “Like CorpNet, Biz Perks and many other products available to businesses, the Northwest Airlines AirPlus Company Account is another example of how Northwest is introducing innovative solutions that meet the evolving needs of our corporate customers.”

The Northwest Airlines AirPlus Company Account provides a variety of options for corporate travel managers including a convenient central payment tool for air travel, individual corporate credit cards for travelers, and access to aggregated data through Internet-based travel expense reporting and electronic invoicing.

“The decision to partner with AirPlus clearly demonstrates Northwest Airlines' commitment to its customers' needs by offering them a more sophisticated travel payment solution,” said Richard Crum, president and CEO of AirPlus International's North America division. “AirPlus is looking forward to working with its newest airline partner, to offer a robust and flexible corporate travel payment solution.”

The Northwest Airlines AirPlus Company Account will be accepted as a form of payment at travel agencies, the airline's nwa.com Web site, Northwest Airlines reservations and merchants that accept the Universal Air Travel Plan (UATP) charge card. The program will be available to the airline's corporate customers through the Northwest Airlines sales team.

About Northwest Airlines

Northwest Airlines is the world's fourth largest airline with hubs at Detroit, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Memphis, Tokyo, and Amsterdam, and approximately 1,500 daily departures. Northwest is a member of SkyTeam, a global airline alliance partnership with Aeroméxico, Air France, Alitalia, Continental Airlines, CSA Czech Airlines, Delta Air Lines, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, and Korean Air. SkyTeam offers customers one of the world's most extensive global networks. Northwest and its travel partners serve more than 900 cities in more than 160 countries on six continents.

About AirPlus International

AirPlus International is a global leader in business travel payment solutions, offering central payment accounts, corporate cards and online management tools. AirPlus is the preferred payment partner of Continental Airlines (NYSE:CAL), British Airways (NYSE:BAW), Lufthansa German Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Swiss International Air Lines, TAP Air Portugal and now, Northwest Airlines (NASDAQ: NWAC).

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