



## Press Release

### **Australia's National Travel Industry Awards for Excellence**

#### **Air Mauritius nominated in the 'Best Airline International – On Line' category**

Air Mauritius has been nominated in the 'Best Airline International – On Line' category in the context of the National Travel Industry Awards organized by the Australian Federation of Travel Agents (AFTA). The national airline is also the only African airline to be nominated in this category. The Awards Ceremony will be held at The Westin in Sydney on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2007.

The other nominees in the 'Best Airline International – On Line' category include Air New Zealand, Austrian Airlines, British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Etihad, Emirates, Malaysian Airlines, Qantas, Singapore Airlines, Thai and Virgin Atlantic.

The National Travel Industry Awards are the most prestigious awards of their kind for the travel industry in Australia. They recognise and celebrate the achievements of travel service providers and are based on votes from travel agents throughout Australia.

Manoj R K Ujoodha, Chief Executive Officer of Air Mauritius says "*Air Mauritius is delighted to be the only African airline to be nominated at these Awards. This recognition from the travel trade in Australia comes a few weeks after our nomination at the internationally acclaimed OAG Awards (based on a customer survey). Our customers and the travel trade are very important stakeholders, and it is gratifying to note that they give the airline such recognition. I would also like to pay tribute to all our employees on this achievement which in fact, gives an indication of our reputation in the airline world.*"

The Australian Federation of Travel Agents Limited (AFTA) is the representative body for Australia's travel agents. It provides financial, legal and marketing benefits, education and training, and develops policies and strategies critical to the retail travel sector. Its aim has been to stimulate, encourage and promote travel and to uphold the interests of travel agents.

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*Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Created in 1967, it currently operates a fleet of five Airbus A340-300, two A340-300E, two A319 and two ATR 72's. Air Mauritius presently flies to twenty six destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa.*



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