

ONAIR – FIRST FLIGHT TO DEMONSTRATE FULL RANGE OF CONNECTIVITY SERVICES IN ACTION - WIFI INTERNET AND GSM/GPRS

Ten-hour flight demonstrates completeness, robustness and global reach of OnAir inflight connectivity services for cockpit and cabin

Geneva, Switzerland, 26 June 2009 – OnAir today announced that together with Airbus, it has successfully conducted a 10-hour flight using the full spectrum of cabin and cockpit connectivity services based on Inmarsat SwiftBroadband. This is the first time that such an extensive range of services (GSM/GPRS together with WiFi Internet) has been operated on any one flight.

On Tuesday 24 June, the A340-600 MSN 360 flew a ten-hour route designed to demonstrate the robustness and global reach of OnAir services both for cabin and cockpit.

Passenger services on the flight provided Internet access via laptops (wireless and cable), as well as the ability via mobile phones and smart phones to make and receive calls, to send and receive text messages and emails, and to access the Internet. During the flight, Airbus engineers successfully placed as many as 16 calls simultaneously during the flight (OnAir services can handle unlimited SMS and GPRS traffic in addition to voice traffic).

Airbus engineers also tested connectivity services for the cockpit establishing both Classic voice and ACARS datalink communications via the SITA ground infrastructure, the only infrastructure capable today of supporting such services using the I-4 satellite. The flight route took the aircraft far north over Greenland and triggered seamless satellite handovers between the I-4 and I-3 satellites, demonstrating the ability to maintain flight-critical services across such handovers.

Benoit Debains, CEO of OnAir, commented: “This milestone underlines OnAir’s leadership as the only service provider today capable of offering the full set of aircraft connectivity services for cabin and cockpit – GSM/GPRS and WiFi Internet with global coverage. The OnAir link will help airlines to improve operational efficiency through services such as electronic flight bag (EFB), and the communication of engine maintenance data.”

OnAir uses the industry’s most advanced and extensive infrastructure for mobile communications, along with Inmarsat SwiftBroadband. This gives passengers and airlines the best reach and the best performance available anywhere in the world today for both voice and data.

In March this year, OnAir announced another milestone - its 10,000th flight with the Mobile OnAir inflight connectivity service in commercial operation.

Today, passengers can use Mobile OnAir to stay in touch as they fly on over 8,000 flights each month, to over 240 cities in over 50 countries across Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. OnAir has operated more than 22,000 fully connected SwiftBroadband flights to date, has signed agreements with more than 18 airlines worldwide, and is set to exceed 100,000 flights before year’s end.

The announcement comes amidst mounting demand for inflight passenger communications. A growing number of commercial airlines and private aviation companies either currently offer OnAir inflight communications services or will offer them in the near future.

OnAir also serves corporate jets, private VIP and Governmental customers.

According to a recent survey, 93% of passengers who have used Mobile OnAir services on selected flights would like these services to be available on every flight.

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About OnAir

OnAir is the leading provider of inflight communications, enabling passengers to stay connected during their flight, and airlines to offer new services and generate additional revenues. Present on four of five continents, OnAir provides the only air-travel industry sponsored solution, now available to regular and low-cost airlines, to private and corporate jets, on Airbus and Boeing aircraft, and on long and short-haul flights. OnAir is the only provider of services based on SwiftBroadband, the latest high-bandwidth satellite technology from Inmarsat, which offers GSM and GPRS for voice, data and Internet.

OnAir was incorporated in February 2005 and is owned by SITA, the leading IT solutions provider to the air transport world and Airbus, the leading aircraft manufacturer. OnAir is a member of the GSM Association and an Inmarsat Distribution Partner for SwiftBroadband services.

More information about OnAir is available at <http://www.onair.aero>

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