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Airlines Need Better Structure When Managing Jet Fuel, Says Flight Sciences International

Santa Barbara, CA – June 27, 2008 – Interactions with multiple airlines in recent months has shown fuel management firm Flight Sciences International that air carriers need a better structure and more urgency with their jet fuel decision making, Flight Sciences said today.

Robert E. Callahan, President of Flight Sciences International, said, “Airlines are not as serious as they should be about smart jet fuel management and monitoring, especially when fuel could become the reason they go out of business. The urgency is not there.”

Flight Sciences, a company that does only fuel management for airlines, has been successful at helping airlines reduce fuel expenditures up to 10% annually. “But not all airlines manage fuel as actively as they should,” said Callahan. “While all airlines have vice presidents managing revenue, few if any have vice presidents of energy – for both fuel management and energy conservation. There needs to be more expertise within each carrier.”

Flight Sciences advocates an Energy or Fuel Division be formed within each airline to better understand and actively manage fuel decisions, as well as to give power to those who can impact the bottom line quickly.

“If decision-making is not carefully managed from the top down, there is little incentive for managers or front line airline employees to make well-planned fuel management decisions,” said Callahan. “From flight attendant baggage to paint on the plane to fuel buying and planning, airlines need to make sure there is no stone unturned.”

The company has worked with British Airways, Austrian Airlines, TAP Air Portugal, Air Transat and others to create Fuel Management Committees and other structures that manage fuel decisions actively, rather than passively.

FLIGHT SCIENCES INTERNATIONAL is recognized worldwide as a leader in the development of fuel conservation, planning and management programs for the airline industry. Founded in 1992, Flight Sciences has a team of aviation professionals that include flight operations experts and pilots, aircraft engineers, ground operations managers and in-flight professionals.

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