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*Photos of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Event are available upon request.*

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Ethiopian Airlines Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Direct U.S. – Ethiopia Service**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — July 10, 2008 — Today marks the anniversary of ten years of service for Ethiopian Airlines at Washington Dulles International Airport. In that time, Ethiopian Airlines has grown to connect U.S. travelers with more destinations in Africa than any other airline. In addition, Ethiopian Airlines has been awarded both the African Business of the Year and Best African Airline over the past decade.

Over the past two years, Ethiopian Airlines has taken great strides in its efforts to promote travel to Ethiopia and East Africa, to include: scheduling five weekly direct flights from Washington Dulles International Airport to Addis Ababa, investing in the state-of-the-art Boeing 787 Dreamliner, and launching “Ethiopian Journeys,” a new tour operator dedicated to selling vacation packages to Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Zanzibar.

Ethiopian Airlines has greatly expanded its commitment to environmentally responsible travel. In addition to investing in the super-efficient Boeing 787 Dreamliner, the airline has launched its FLY GREENER program. Through FLY GREENER, Ethiopian Airlines and Greener Ethiopian together will plant two million trees throughout Ethiopia during the Ethiopian Millennium.

The airline is dedicated to providing U.S. travelers with convenient access to the wonders of Ethiopia and East Africa. Through its tour operator, Ethiopian Journeys, tourists can design package tours that combine the excitement of an African safari with the fascinating history that only the cradle of humanity can provide. It is a simple way to tour Africa’s treasures, from the exotic wildlife of a safari in Tanzania to some of the greatest historical sites known to mankind.

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“Our partnership with Washington Dulles International Airport for the last 10 years has been very successful,” said Gobena Mikael, Director of North America. “Not only have we provided safe, reliable transportation to the jewel of Africa for hundreds of thousands of travelers in our 10 years, but we have been a major factor in economic growth for Ethiopia.”

Ethiopian Airlines’ expanded schedule includes direct flights from Washington Dulles International Airport to Addis Ababa on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

### ***About Ethiopian Airlines***

Ethiopian Airlines is one of the largest airlines in Africa, as winner of the 2007 African Business of the Year and Best African Airline Award for 2006 service and quality are superior when flying Ethiopian Airlines. Featuring five flights weekly from Washington D.C.’s Dulles International Airport, the airline offers both morning and evening departures, with the morning departure allowing seamless connections to 29 African destinations. The airline’s web site provides excellent information on additional flights services and special web fares. Ethiopian Airlines provides seamless connections to 50 destinations around the globe. For more information about Ethiopian Airlines, visit [www.seeyouinethiopia.com](http://www.seeyouinethiopia.com).