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Ethiopian Airlines Wins 2009 “Airline of the Year” Award

Washington, D.C. – November 30, 2009 – Ethiopian Airlines has earned another industry honor, “**Airline of the Year Award**” at the 41st Annual General Assembly of the African Airlines Association (AFRAA) held in Maputo, Mozambique on November 24, 2009. According to AFRAA, the award was presented to Ethiopian Airlines “in recognition of its outstanding, efficient and exemplary provision of airline services to the African airline industry.”

Mr. Paulo Zucula, Transport Minister of Mozambique presented the award to Ato Girma Wake, CEO of Ethiopian Airlines at the Gala Dinner held on November 24, 2009 in Maputo, Mozambique. Commenting on the award, Ato Girma said, “we are indeed honored to receive this award which, once again, reaffirms our commitment to meet the needs of African aviation” and further added, “the recognition, coming at such a challenging time for the airline industry, is an acknowledgement of our continued hard work and dedication to provide outstanding service to our customers.”

Ethiopian Airlines has frequently been chosen as the best airline in Africa for its performance and outstanding contribution to the development of African aviation. In addition to the AFRAA award, the airline has received four significant awards in 2009 alone.

The Annual General Assembly, which took place from November 22 to 24, 2009, was attended by the Chief Executive Officers of African-based airlines, senior officials representing the civil aviation and airport authorities, regional and international aviation organizations and regional economic community leaders as well as global aircraft manufacturers led by Airbus, Boeing and Embraer.

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About Ethiopian Airlines

Ethiopian Airlines is one of the largest airlines in Africa serving 56 destinations around the globe. As the winner of the 2007 African Business of the Year and Best African Airline Award for 2006, its service and quality are unparalleled among African 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 35 African destinations. The airline’s web site provides excellent information on additional flights, services and special web fares. For more information about Ethiopian Airlines, visit www.ethiopianairlines.com.

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