

PRESS RELEASE

Ethiopian Airlines Wins the 2009 Airline of the Year Award



Washington, D.C. – July 9, 2009 – Ethiopian Airlines is pleased to announce that it has been named the ‘Airline of the Year 2009’ at the African Business Awards organized by the London-based African Business and the Commonwealth Business Council (CBC).

The award was presented to Ethiopian Airlines at the African Business Awards ceremony held at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Ballroom, in London on July 06, 2009. According to the 2009 judging panels of the African Business Awards, the winners of the Airline of the Year 2009 were chosen from a pool of nominees based on “solid financial results coupled with distinctive customer service, punctuality and innovative products and services for consumers, especially in opening new routes.”

After receiving the award, Mr. Yeneneh Tekelyes, Director for Advertising and Promotions of Ethiopian Airlines said, “While we rejoice for winning the award, the recognition of our overall excellence among other African Airlines motivates and encourages us to provide and deliver even more products and better services.”

The award organizer, IC Publications has over 40 years’ experience in publishing magazines, newsletters, country supplements, industry reports and market intelligence on Africa and the Middle East.

Present at this festive and memorable African night were prominent government leaders including H.E Mr. Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda and several other ministers from different African countries.

About Ethiopian Airlines

Ethiopian Airlines is one of the largest airlines in Africa serving 53 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 32 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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