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KLM Royal Dutch Airlines Returning to Detroit Metro Airport

--Daily, Non-Stop Flight to Amsterdam Begins March 30

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines will soon return to Detroit Metro Airport when it begins daily, non-stop flights between Detroit and Amsterdam, The Netherlands, beginning March 30.

KLM last served Detroit until 2003, when joint-venture partner Northwest Airlines assumed operation of all flights from Detroit to Europe for Northwest/KLM. The addition of the new, KLM-operated flight on this route will provide Northwest/KLM with a fifth daily non-stop flight between Detroit and Amsterdam for summer 2008.

"While we consider KLM to have been serving Detroit for the past five years by virtue of its transatlantic joint venture with our hub carrier Northwest Airlines, it's nonetheless exciting for Detroit to welcome KLM-operated flights back to our region," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. "KLM's new flight will connect Northwest's largest hub in Detroit and KLM's largest hub in Amsterdam, providing more options for travelers and strengthening Detroit Metro's role in the two airlines' global network."

KLM's new, daily flight between Detroit Metro and Amsterdam Schiphol Airport will utilize Airbus A330-200 aircraft with 30 lie-flat World Business Class and 221 economy class seats. Eastbound, the flight will leave Detroit at 8:45 p.m. and arrive at Amsterdam at 10:40 a.m. The westbound flight will depart Amsterdam at 3:20 p.m. and arrive in Detroit at 6:05 p.m.

KLM will become the first of three new SkyTeam foreign-flag carriers to enter the Detroit Market in the next year. AeroM xico recently announced new non-stop flights between Detroit and Monterrey, Mexico, with continuing service to M xico City, beginning on April 6. In early 2009, China Southern Airlines, China's largest carrier, plans to begin service between Detroit and its Beijing hub.

As with the four daily Northwest-operated flights between Detroit and Amsterdam, the new KLM flight will provide convenient connections through KLM's hub at Amsterdam's award-winning Schiphol Airport to more than 75 destinations throughout

Europe, Africa, the Middle East and India. Likewise, the new flight will provide connections through Northwest's hub in Detroit to more than 150 cities worldwide.

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