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Austrian Business Aviation Association Gaining Increased Recognition

Vienna, Austria – 23 June 2010 – Six months on from its launch, and a mere two months since its first public event, the Vienna-based Austrian Business Aviation Association (ABAA) is stepping up its participation in national and European regulatory discussions.

Founded by Dr Caspar Einem – an executive board member of Jet Alliance Holding – ABAA was launched in January of this year. Its membership includes respected business aviation operators such as Air Styria, Airlink, AVAG Air, Goldeck-Flug, Jet Alliance, Jet Fly Airline and Tyrolean Jet Services, hailing from all regions across Austria. Membership of ABAA is restricted to Austrian business jet operators holding an Air Operator Certificate (AOC). The Association currently has ten members, but with 65 AOC operators registered in Austria, there is clearly strong potential for continued growth. The Association held its first major Vienna Business Aviation Summit in April, in cooperation with the European Business Aviation Association (EBAA).

In addition to working on global business aviation issues such as Environment, Safety and Security, ABAA also aims to build a solid relationship with the Austrian Civil Aviation Authority and overcome local challenges such as those presented by Austrian airport tariffs and slot allocation. With business aviation having such a significant economic impact in Austria - representing €1.1 bn of the country's GVA in 2007 - the launch and subsequent activities of the Association have been applauded by Austrian authorities, who are pleased to work with an organization able to represent the unique interests of the business aviation community.

“Until recently, when aviation matters were addressed by Austrian regulators, business aviation was not at the discussion table. Now, through the ABAA, we are. We have a voice, and we can defend our interests,” stated Dr. Einem, who is also an EBAA Board Member. “We look forward to welcoming additional members interested in joining our efforts to influence the regulatory process.”

ABAA is headquartered at Vienna Airport.

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For Editors:

About Austrian Business Aviation Association (ABAA)

Founded by Dr Caspar Einem, the Austrian Business Aviation Association (ABAA) was launched in January 2010 to represent the interests of Austrian business aircraft operators towards its national CAA and European officials via the European Business Aviation Association. Its current membership includes reputable operators such as Air Styria, Airlink, AVAG Air, Goldeck-Flug, Jet Alliance, Jet Fly Airline and Tyrolean Jet Services. www.abaa.aero

About European Business Aviation Association (EBAA)

The European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) was founded in 1977 to defend the interests of business aviation. Today, more than 500 business aviation companies (direct members or members of associate organisations) rely on the EBAA to protect their business interests. It is the only voice to represent business aviation among the European institutions. For more information, visit www.ebaa.org.