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AIR MAURITIUS AND MAURITIAN WILDLIFE FOUNDATION SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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*Mr Manoj R K Ujoodha, G.O.S.K., CEO of Air Mauritius &
Mr Jacques Julienne, Executive Director of Mauritian Wildlife Foundation*

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Air Mauritius (MK) and the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation (MWF) officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) today. This MOU formalises the support of Air Mauritius to the conservation activities of the MWF whereas special attention will be given to the *Paille-en-Queue*, symbol of Air Mauritius, the *Rodrigues Warbler* and the *Rodriguan Fody*.

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Furthermore, a 'One Take-off, One Tree' project has been designed whereby one endemic tree will be planted for each take-off of an Air Mauritius flight from Mauritius and from Rodrigues.

Manoj R K Ujoodha, **G.O.S.K.**, CEO of Air Mauritius stated: *"The environment is a top priority in the aviation industry's agenda. This is why we welcome the "Aviation Industry Commitment to Action on Climate Change" declaration signed by the industry's leaders in Geneva in April 2008, to which MK has also vouched full support. The MOU with MWF comes at an appropriate time and shows MK's continued commitment to the preservation of the environment. The 'One Take-off, One Tree' project is a small but highly symbolic step to help create awareness internally and externally on conservation issues."*

Mr. Jacques Jullienne, Executive Director of MWF recalled the longstanding relationship of his organisation and the national carrier going back to the dedicated action of Gerald Durrell in favour of our once endangered species such as the *Parakeet* and the *Pink Pigeon* which are now to be found in the wild. He further stated: *"This collaboration is a clear demonstration of the commitment of Air Mauritius to conservation of our unique biodiversity and gives hope to our future conservation efforts in restoring the native habitat in Mauritius and Rodrigues. To have the support from local corporates is a must for our organisation today. We are therefore delighted to have Air Mauritius on board."*



Today's event ended with the following announcements depicting the commitment of the national airline to the environment:

1. Air Mauritius and IATA will be hosting a Summit on "*Aviation and the Environment*" on the 30th of October 2008.
2. Air Mauritius will broadcast the IATA film on the environment on all its medium and long haul flights as from the 1st of August 2008.

The Mauritian Wildlife Foundation (MWF) is a registered Mauritian NGO and has been working on saving the endemic wildlife for decades. It is the only Non-Governmental Organisation in Mauritius to be exclusively concerned with the conservation and preservation of the Mauritian nation's endangered plants and animals.

Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Created in 1967, it currently operates a fleet of five A340-300, two A340-300E, two A319-100, one A330-200 and two ATR72-500. Air Mauritius presently flies to twenty six destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Indian Ocean.