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Air Mauritius starts seasonal flights from Madrid

Air Mauritius launched a series of weekly flights from Madrid last night. The first flight operated by an Airbus A340 landed in Mauritius this afternoon with 243 passengers, mainly tourists. This direct flight will operate every week until October 2008 providing close to an additional 11,000 seats for the market to develop.

Customers will have the option of travelling one way on the direct service, and the other on one of the airline's direct daily services to Europe therefore offering flexibility in the duration of their stays. A new boost should also be given to two centre holidays (beach/safari) between Mauritius and Kenya.

Air Mauritius Chairman, Sanjay Bhuckory said *"This flight is the result of the hard work of our teams in Madrid and Mauritius. The market has the potential to grow and looks promising. This is why we decided to start our operations in spite of the unprecedented crisis facing the airline industry. We would like to thank all our partners in Spain and Mauritius, especially AHRIM, MTPA and the Honorary Consul for Spain, for their support in making this direct flight come true."*

Manoj R K Ujoodha, G.O.S.K., the airline's CEO stated *"We are delighted to be operating this series of flights during our low season and Spain's high season. We have invested heavily in the Spanish market for years and have kept an office in Madrid even though we did not have a direct operation. We are now making a further investment by dedicating a flight per week for eighteen weeks. We are pleased with the positive response from the market - tour operators, travel agents and customers - and are confident that the flights will be a success. We are forecasting good loads until October and hope to turn this seasonal operation into a yearly operation in the near future."*

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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 seven destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Indian Ocean.

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