



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Flight MK 745 encounters Bird Strike at Delhi Airport**

Air Mauritius flight MK 745 was scheduled to leave Delhi at 13.30hrs local time today 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2008. The aircraft encountered a bird strike on one of its engines and the Captain decided to abort the take-off.

As per the Company procedures and in consultation with the Indian Civil Aviation Authorities, all passengers and crew were evacuated and are safe but some of them have suffered minor injuries during the evacuation. They have been attended upon by the Airport medical team and are now being provided with hotel accommodation until their departure from Delhi on 25<sup>th</sup> July at 05.00hrs local time Delhi. Arrival in Mauritius is now scheduled for 10.45hrs local time Mauritius.

Mr Manoj R K Ujoodha G.O.S.K, CEO of Air Mauritius says "We are sorry to learn about this incident caused by a bird strike at Delhi Airport. Our team in Delhi is on site and attending to all passengers and crew. I would like to pay a special tribute to our crew members for their professional handling of the evacuation jointly decided with the Civil Aviation Authorities. We have also decided to ferry an aircraft to Delhi in order to ensure that our passengers reach Mauritius at the earliest."

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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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