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HAECO Opens New Hangar

Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Ltd. (HAECO) opened its second hangar today at a ceremony officiated by Mr. Stephen Ip, Secretary for Economic Development and Labour, Mr. Christopher Pratt, Chairman of HAECO, and Mr. P.K. Chan, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of HAECO.

At an investment of HK\$430 million, the new facility is able to simultaneously accommodate three wide-bodied aircraft and capable of undertaking all heavy maintenance and modification work for the latest generation of Boeing and Airbus aircraft. 890 new jobs in Hong Kong have been created and the employees trained at HAECO's purpose dedicated training school in Tseung Kwan O. The new hangar will allow a 50% increase in the annual volume of heavy maintenance work conducted in Hong Kong. In August this year, HAECO also announced its intention to construct a third hangar at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA), adjacent to its existing facilities and scheduled to operate in the first quarter of 2009.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Ip commented, "The completion of this second hangar is another landmark in HAECO's long record of achievements over the past few decades. As HKIA's aircraft movements continue to break records, this new hangar will provide the much needed additional maintenance capacity to meet the growing demand from the airlines."

"I am delighted to say that the new hangar is fully booked for 2007 – an optimistic start to its operations. Once again, we have re-affirmed our long term commitment to Hong Kong, our home base, and our confidence in Hong Kong's ability to be a global aviation hub," said Mr P.K. Chan.

HAECO, one of the world's leading aeronautical engineering groups, is engaged in the maintenance, modification, repairs and overhaul of commercial aircraft and their components. At HKIA, it is able to offer a comprehensive package covering transit and technical services with full hangar support. It is publicly listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

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