

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Air Mauritius announces direct operations to China

#### First flight to Shanghai scheduled for early July 2011

Air Mauritius today announced its direct operations to Shanghai, People's Republic of China, as from early July 2011. Shanghai will therefore be the 25<sup>th</sup> destination of the national airline and it's 4<sup>th</sup> in East Asia. Air Mauritius already flies to Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong.

The flight will fly via Kuala Lumpur and will offer connections from/to Reunion, Antananarivo and South Africa.

Shanghai is the most populous city of the People's Republic of China and is also the center of finance and trade in this booming economy. Shanghai is also a popular tourist destination renowned for its historical landmarks. Last year's World Expo attracted a record number of 73 million visitors and provided a unique opportunity to raise the profile of Shanghai as a truly global city.

André Viljoen, the airline's Acting CEO stated, *"We are delighted to announce our direct operations to Shanghai and therefore pave the way for closer ties between China and Mauritius. This flight is a first step in our development in one of the world's fastest growing economies and we hope that our tourism partners will find new opportunities for growth as we diversify our tourism markets and as we build up our capacity to East Asia from 6 weekly frequencies to a daily."*

#### Schedules effective July 2011 (subject to slots clearances) :

Flight Number			Local Timings
MK 648	Mauritius	Departure	22H45 MON
	Kuala Lumpur	Arrival	09H45 TUE
MK 649	Kuala Lumpur	Departure	11H00
	Shanghai Pudong	Arrival	16H25
	Shanghai Pudong	Departure	21H20 TUE
	Kuala Lumpur	Arrival	03H00 WED
	Kuala Lumpur	Departure	04H15
	Mauritius	Arrival	07H15 WED

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