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Press Release: KLM and ROSSIYA Sign Code Share Agreement

AMSTELVEEN / ST. PETERSBURG, 23 June 2009 – KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Russian carrier ROSSIYA signed a code share agreement effective 22 June 2009. This agreement entitles the airlines to market flights between Amsterdam en St. Petersburg under each others flight numbers.

Both airlines already operate flights on this route. From 13 July, ROSSIYA will increase the number of flights from three to four per week. Starting July 17th, KLM will also raise the frequency, from four to five flights per week.

According to KLM's Executive Vice President Commercial, Erik Varwijk, this cooperation holds advantages for both KLM and ROSSIYA customers. "Because of this new code share agreement and the increased number of flights, our passengers now have more flights to choose from. And the cooperation with KLM will enable ROSSIYA customers to make optimum use of the Amsterdam Hub and KLM's global network."

ROSSIYA's Commercial Director, Igor Morachev, notes that conclusion of the code share agreement appeared as a result of a long-term partnership between the two airlines. "We are sure that this will develop air service between St.Petersburg and Amsterdam and will be useful for the KLM and ROSSIYA passengers. We appreciate the cooperation and trust rendered to us by KLM".

The finalization of the code share agreement coincides with the festive opening, last week, of the Hermitage Amsterdam, the only dedicated, independently managed venue in the West of St. Petersburg's famous State Hermitage Museum.

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Further details about the flights
ROSSIYA operates (as of July 13th) Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun (Monday will be added)

FV0278	AMS-LED	10:40 – 15:25
FV0277	LED-AMS	08:40 – 09:40

KLM operates (as of July 17th) Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat (Friday will be added)

KL1395	AMS-LED	12:40 – 17:30
KL1396	LED-AMS	18:35 – 19:30

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About KLM

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines was founded in 1919, making it the world's oldest airline operating under its original name. In 2004, Air France and KLM merged to form AIR FRANCE KLM. The merger produced the strongest European airline group based on two powerful brand names and two hubs, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and Paris Charles de Gaulle. The two airlines collaborate on three core activities - passenger transport, cargo and aircraft maintenance - while maintaining their own identities.

KLM serves 133 destinations using a modern fleet of 114 aircraft. In The Netherlands, KLM comprises the core of the KLM Group which further includes KLM Cityhopper, Martinair and transavia.com. The KLM Group employs approximately 36,000 people around the world. KLM is a member of SkyTeam, an airline alliance offering a network of 905 destinations all over the globe.

About ROSSIYA

ROSSIYA is the largest state-owned air company, and the leading air carrier in the North-Western Region of the Russian Federation. The company was established by affiliating Pulkovo Airlines (St.Petersburg) to STC Russia (Moscow) in 2006. ROSSIYA is the country's only one to have two base airports, Pulkovo in St. Petersburg and Vnukovo in Moscow. The company is a full member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

The company offers flights to over 100 cities around the world and has 50 offices in Russia and countries in and outside of the former Soviet Union. The fleet of the ROSSIYA air company consists of airliners Airbus A319, Airbus A320, Boeing 767-300, Boeing 737-500, Tu-154. The company employs approximately 5,000 people.