



## **AWAS hosts Mission for Vision Ball in Aid of ORBIS to help eradicate vision disease in Ethiopia**

**Helping to unite the Aviation Community behind this vital cause for the third year in a row, charitable effort yields highest total to-date**

Dublin, 10 February 2011

Dublin based aircraft lessor, AWAS, announced today that its sponsorship of the Mission for Vision Ball, recently held in Dublin, has resulted in the highest levels of support in the event's history. Due to AWAS' sponsorship, every Euro raised at the event goes directly to ORBIS Ireland's effort to combat and end sight-related illness in Ethiopia.

"ORBIS is grateful to AWAS' steadfast support of our crusade to put an end to unnecessary blindness in the developing world. The AWAS Mission for Vision Ball in aid of ORBIS is crucial to our efforts as it funds approximately 25% of our annual budget for our sight saving work in Ethiopia. Furthermore, AWAS has been there for us in good business markets and poor, and this year proceeds from this event were the highest ever" commented ORBIS Chairman, Moss Cox.

"AWAS is once again proud to support the very important work of ORBIS. We would like to thank our industry partners and colleagues who have been so generous in their sponsorship and donations," said Ray Sisson, President & CEO AWAS.

### **About AWAS**

AWAS is one of the leading aircraft leasing companies and recently celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> year of serving customers around the globe. The company is managed by a

highly experienced and dedicated team of commercial aviation industry professionals serving markets in The Americas, Europe, Middle East, and Asia/Pacific.

AWAS owns a portfolio of more than 200 modern aircraft with 100+ aircraft on order from Airbus and Boeing including a number of next generation aircraft. The aircraft portfolio is on lease to over 90 airline customers in 44 countries. The AWAS fleet features a full range of the most popular aircraft types which includes both narrow-bodied and wide-body aircraft.

AWAS is headquartered in Dublin, with offices in New York, Miami, and Singapore.

[www.awas.com](http://www.awas.com)

## **About ORBIS**

ORBIS Ireland is an affiliate office of ORBIS International, a global nonprofit organisation dedicated to preventing and treating blindness by providing quality eye care to transform lives. ORBIS provides the tools, training and technology necessary for local partners to assess their needs and develop workable and lasting solutions to the tragedy of unnecessary blindness. By building their long-term capabilities, ORBIS helps its partner institutions take action to reach a state where they can provide, on their own, quality eye care services that are affordable, accessible and sustainable.

To learn more about ORBIS please visit [www.orbisireland.ie](http://www.orbisireland.ie) or contact: Diane Weatherup, [diane.weatherup@ie.orbis.org](mailto:diane.weatherup@ie.orbis.org) +353-1-2933060

### **For more information please contact:**

**Mark Tender**

Vice President Marketing and Communications



Direct: +1 212 782 3375

Mobile: +1 917 345 7231