

Media Release



AWAS celebrates 25 years in the Aviation Business and reaffirms its commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility Initiatives

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Dublin based lessor, AWAS celebrated 25 years in business last Thursday, January 21st with a charity ball that was attended by over 350 aviation industry professionals. The AWAS Silver Anniversary Ball raised USD \$152,000 for ORBIS, who through the use of a converted DC-10 jet aircraft is fighting to eliminate blindness in developing countries.

This successful fundraiser kicked off AWAS' 2010 Corporate Social Responsibility initiative which is focused on supporting ORBIS, education and children in need. USD \$220,000 was raised through AWAS fundraising activities in 2009 and AWAS hopes to beat this impressive figure in 2010. Frank Pray, President & Chief Executive Officer of AWAS also announced at the Silver Anniversary Ball that AWAS raised USD \$10,700 for the Haiti relief effort in addition to pledging the use of a Boeing 757 Freighter aircraft to assist with the aid effort.

About AWAS

Headquartered in Dublin, with offices in New York, Miami, and Singapore, AWAS is one of the largest aircraft leasing companies in the world. The company is managed by a highly experienced 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 a further 127 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 47 countries. The AWAS fleet features a full range of aircraft types and the company became one of the first lessors to order both the Boeing 787 and the Airbus A350XWB.

Through the order of up to 50 new Boeing aircraft and up to 100 Airbus aircraft in 2007, AWAS now offers new fuel-efficient and environmentally-friendly aircraft to their customers.

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