

## **MAI: New Board sets new steps for a company „restart“**

New business name „**AI Airports International**“ replaces Meinl Airports International – Cheuvreux commissioned as liquidity provider – Results of the status inquiry will be presented in early October

Jersey, 02.10.2008 – During the recent days, the Board of Directors of Meinl Airports International (MAI), newly elected on July 28, 2008, has initiated further decisions in connection with the company “restart”. After terminating the “Market Maker” agreement with Meinl Bank also the licence agreement regarding the “Meinl” brand with Meinl Bank has been dissolved. “We regard the name Meinl as a heavy burden at the international financial markets, so we had to act”, explains Wolfgang Vilsmeier, Chairman of the Board of Directors. Since September 29, 2008, the company has been operating under the business name AI Airports International. The company listed at the Third Market segment at the Vienna Stock Exchange will be reachable under the new URL [www.airportsinternational.eu](http://www.airportsinternational.eu) shortly.

From October 2, 2008, Credit Agricole Cheuvreux’s Viennese subsidiary acts as liquidity provider (market maker). The agreement with the Meinl Bank has been terminated by MAI on September 30, 2008. Vilsmeier and his Deputy at the Board, Hans-Peter Dohr: “CA Cheuvreux ranks amongst the most internationally renowned full service brokers and researchers. We are looking forward to this cooperation and are expecting higher liquidity for the share and an increased presence in the international financial community – henceforth at current conditions which are considerably much more favourable compared with the ‘former market’ making-agreement.”

The optimization of the cash position investment totalling around 350m Euros – announced early September – has already been initiated. This money will be reallocated according to now appropriate cash management standards at several renowned banks after the 6-months-committment has expired.

As already reported, currently all decisions made by the former Board of Directors and actions executed by the external management entity Meinl Airports Management Ltd., which is part of the Meinl Bank-Group, are being scrutinized in detail. The current company status will be presented in the first half of October.

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