

NEWS RELEASE

CONTACT: Jennifer Payne, Communications Director, 907-266-2107

UPS announces adding 10 Airbus A380s to its fleet Anchorage likely to capture Airbus traffic

(Anchorage, January 18, 2005) UPS recently announced a firm order for ten A380 super-jumbo freighter aircraft made by Airbus to come on-line starting in 2009, with full delivery by 2012. UPS officials say that even with the purchase of the longer-range aircraft, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport remains a critical link in their future route structure.

Airport Director Morton V. Plumb Jr. said UPS has not announced an official route for their new freighters but he is comfortable that Anchorage will remain in their long term plans. “UPS has recently put in an application to expand its Anchorage operation for two more aircraft parking positions and has made an application for real estate that could accommodate up to three A380s,” said Plumb. “From all indications we see the A380s making at least technical stops here and possibly combinations, just like their MD11s and 747s do now,” said Plumb.

Plumb stressed the airport has already taken steps to ready itself for the new Group VI aircraft, like the A380. “We’ve reconstructed one taxiway to accommodate the larger, heavier aircraft and in the next few years we will bring more taxiways and a runway up to specifications,” said Plumb. “By 2008, we plan to have a complete Group VI circuit funded by our 2003 federal funds (Letter of Intent).”

The A380 has the capacity to carry three decks of cargo with container capacity of nearly 40,000 cubic feet and a maximum payload of 330,000 pounds with a range of 5,600 nautical miles. Plumb said that with the extended range, the range versus payload equation still pencils out in Anchorage’s favor. “In order to make it from the East Coast to many parts of Asia, the A380 would need to be totally bulked out in fuel,” said Plumb. “That means less cargo, less yield and less money. And the need to purchase more of the,



Morton V. Plumb, Jr.
Airport Director

usually more expensive, East Coast or Asian fuel if they don't stop for fuel in Anchorage.”

For more information on UPS' announcement, visit www.ups.com or call Mark Giuffre at 502-329-3060.

###