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ROUTES ASIA OFFICIALLY HANDED OVER TO **MUMBAI FOR 2013**

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As the largest Routes Asia event to date draws to a close in Chengdu, Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport (CDIA) have officially handed over to Mumbai, the official host destination of Routes Asia 2013.

Building on the success of this year's event the largest route development forum for the entire Asia region will take place on 17-19 March 2013 in Mumbai hosted by Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd, GVK managed, Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (CSIA).

CSIA is a standing participant of the Route Development Forums (World & Asia). With a total of 44 international airlines, and 7 domestic passenger airlines currently operating more than 687 flights a day while directly linking Mumbai to 83 airports in India and worldwide, CSIA offers unmatched connectivity. This coupled with CSIA's handling efficiency over the last five years and the extremely challenging environment it operates in has made it one of the most important emerging aviation hubs in India and the Asia Pacific Region.

This status will be further enhanced upon the completion of the new state-of-the-art integrated passenger terminal T2 which will coincide with the hosting of Routes Asia 2013 opening later in the same year. The choice of CSIA as a host airport also helps to reinforce its position as India's foremost airport at the cutting edge of comfort, technology and design.

Speaking at the 10th Routes Asia event which took place in Chengdu 15-17 April 2012, Mr. Rajeev Jain, CEO of Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Limited (MIAL) said: "We are delighted to host the next Routes Asia in Mumbai. Routes is an ideal networking platform for global airline partners for exploring unique business opportunities. CSIA, over the years has emerged as one of the busiest airports in South Asia while recording a stupendous growth in passenger traffic and facilities. We are thus very excited and are gearing ourselves in hosting and welcoming the Routes delegates in Mumbai, the gateway and financial & commercial hub of India. We look forward to showcasing the development of our New Integrated Terminal T2 to all delegates during this event. "



"After an incredibly successful event here in China it is fantastic that we able to bring Routes Asia to India once again," explained David Stroud, Executive Vice President Airports, Routes. Stroud continued: "We have worked with the GVK team for many years at our events and are expecting record numbers to attend the event in Mumbai as Routes Asia goes from strength to strength."

Notes to Editors

About Routes

- Routes organises world-renowned airline and airport networking events through its regional and global Route Development Forums. Each year, there is one global event and one regional event in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Americas and CIS respectively. www.routesonline.com
- Routes was founded in 1995 as part of the Manchester UK-based ASM Ltd., a consultancy specialising in the field of route development for airports. www.asm-global.com
- Routes and ASM were acquired by UBM Aviation Worldwide Ltd in August 2010. Routes is a UBM Aviation brand. UBM Aviation specialises in the supply of data and information products, market intelligence, news and events related to the global aviation industry. More information can be found at www.ubmaviation.com

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About MIAL

Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd. (MIAL) is a joint venture between the GVK led consortium and Airports Authority of India. MIAL was awarded the mandate of modernizing, upgrading and expanding Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (CSIA) in May 2006. CSIA handled 30.74 million passengers and 656,369 tonnes of cargo during FY 2011-12.

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