



**EVERGREEN INTERNATIONAL AVIATION, INC.**

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**Evergreen International Aviation  
Appoints John A. Irwin Chief Financial Officer and  
Comments On Recent S&P Rating Action**

**McMinnville, OR, November 4, 2003** – Evergreen International Aviation, Inc. announced the appointment of John A. Irwin as Chief Financial Officer, effective October 31, 2003. Prior to Mr. Irwin's appointment, Michael R. Barr, who is no longer with the Company, served in this position.

Mr. Irwin has been with the Company for over 18 years, serving most recently as one of its directors, a member of the Executive Committee and as the Treasurer and Vice President of Risk Management. Mr. Irwin also serves in numerous other capacities for the Company's subsidiaries, including, most notably, as a director and the Vice President of Finance for Evergreen International Airlines, Inc. Mr. Irwin's tenure and integral familiarity with the Company's operations are a key component of the strong continuity of Evergreen's management.

Mr. Irwin commented on the decision announced October 31, 2003 by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services to lower its corporate credit rating on the Company to 'B-' from 'B', the senior secured rating to 'B' from 'B+', and the senior second secured rating to 'CCC+' from 'B-'. "We were surprised and disappointed about the recent Standard & Poor's decision," said Mr. Irwin. "We continue to believe that our cash flow from operations and availability under our credit facility will provide us with sufficient liquidity and capital resources to operate our business and pay our obligations as they come due. Evergreen has a \$12.8 million interest payment and a \$2 million retirement plan payment due Nov. 15, 2003. At October 31, 2003, the Company had \$1.5 million of cash and an aggregate of approximately \$15 million of borrowing capacity (portions of which are determined by a borrowing base) under its bank credit facility and other financing arrangements. We anticipate that the Company's liquidity will improve over the next six months as we will not have many of the one time costs associated with our refinancing that we incurred over the past six months."

Based in McMinnville, Oregon, Evergreen is a leading integrated provider of worldwide airfreight transportation and aircraft ground handling and logistics, helicopter, light fixed wing aircraft, aircraft maintenance and repair services and parts and equipment sales. Evergreen's subsidiary companies provide diversified aviation services that include: worldwide air freight transportation, cargo and mail handling, airport passenger services, specialized helicopter services such as aerial spraying and petroleum support, aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul services, storage, and buying, selling, leasing and trading aircraft, aircraft parts and engines. Evergreen provides services to a broad base of long-standing customers, including the U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command, the U.S. Postal Service, freight forwarders, domestic and foreign airlines, industrial manufacturers and other government agencies.

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