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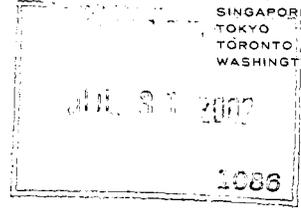
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Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of Air France and pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, please find enclosed a press release dated July 29, 2002, announcing that the French Government announced the launch of the privatization process of Air France.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and its enclosures by time-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to our messenger, who has been instructed to wait.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (collect) in Paris at (+33-1-53-89-70-00) should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Manuel A. Orillac

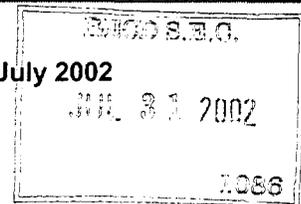
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Divers

Roissy, 29 July 2002



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The privatization process will provide Air France with additional strengths to play a major role in industry consolidation, as the European pillar of the SkyTeam alliance.

The airline will enter the private sector in favourable circumstances thanks to:

- a healthy financial structure which is one of the best in the industry;
- the continued significant presence of the French State in the capital,
- a powerful employee shareholding which will be strengthened by this operation.

Privatization is a normal development and a logical extension of the 1999 IPO. It will underpin the profitable growth strategy which has enabled the Company to strengthen its position on the world stage. Furthermore, it will facilitate Air France's access to resources provided by the financial markets.

The operation will take place after full consultation with the social partners, and will not jeopardize employee interests. Their status, in particular, will be transposed into the collective bargaining agreements negotiated with trade unions. Employees and their representatives will continue to be largely involved in the everyday life of the Company and notably on the Board of Directors and its specialized committees in the framework of corporate governance.

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The Air France logo, consisting of the text "AIR FRANCE" above four slanted parallel bars.

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