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**AIR NEW ZEALAND'S BUSINESS CLASS
RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS BUSINESS TRAVELER MONTHLY
AWARD**

***Business Premier Receives Award for Best Business Class
to the South Pacific in 2006***

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (December 12, 2006) – Air New Zealand proudly announced today that the airline has been recognized by Business Traveler Magazine as having the *Best Business Class to South Pacific, Australia, and New Zealand* in 2006. Through recent innovations and upgraded services offered on its aircraft, Air New Zealand secured its place as the most luxurious and attentive airline, serving popular destinations in the South Pacific such as Auckland, Sydney, Melbourne and a number of island destinations. Business Traveler Magazine has been a leader in recognizing excellence in business travel for the past 18 years and publishes nine editions around the world.

“It is a great honor to be recognized by Business Traveler Magazine for our Business Class service,” said Roger Poulton, Vice President, Air New Zealand – The Americas. “The warm and welcoming culture of New Zealand is reflected in every aspect of our service and we are thrilled to see it so well received by our customers and the industry alike.”

Air New Zealand Business Premier cabins offer customers luxurious comfort with revolutionary lie-flat seats, 22-inch-wide leather armchairs that convert into 6-foot, 7.5-inch beds, and also feature an ottoman footrest that doubles as a visitor's seat. In addition to ensuring maximum comfort, the airline also has in-flight entertainment that provides customers with in-seat power as well as individual high resolution 10.4-inch screens with on-demand entertainment featuring a wide range of audio and video options including the most recent blockbuster movies, TV programs and exclusive audio programs that allow customers to watch or listen to what they want, when they want.

Beyond comfort and entertainment, Business Premier customers onboard Air New Zealand experience a unique New Zealand dining experience designed by the Air New Zealand team of consultant chefs with a new menu created by celebrity chef Govind Armstrong of the famed Table 8 restaurants in Los Angeles and Miami. In addition, Air New Zealand offers a premium wine selection created by top New Zealand wine consultants John Buck and John Belsham. These finishing touches help to create the ultimate flying experience on one of the world's top airlines, that's also the *best* in the South Pacific.

About Air New Zealand

Air New Zealand offers more direct flights to the South Pacific than any other airline, including nonstop flights from Los Angeles to New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Tahiti and Samoa. Starting April 2007 the Cook Islands will also be on a nonstop route. In addition to flying non-stop LA-London, Air New Zealand's newest route, between London and Hong Kong, now allows customers to fly round-the-world on one airline. Consistently rated among the world's best international airlines, Air New Zealand's most recent accolades include recognition by the *Condé Nast Traveler* Reader's Choice Awards, the *Travel + Leisure* World's Best Awards and *Business Traveler Magazine*. United Mileage Plus, US Airways Dividend Miles and Air Canada's Aeroplan members earn and redeem mileage on select flights. Both flight and vacation essentials can now be booked on AirNewZealand.com, where the lowest possible airfares are always guaranteed. Flight and vacation bookings can also be made by calling 1-800-262-1234 in the USA and 1-800-663-5494 in Canada.

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