

**FIRST TO FLY A380 FROM LONDON HEATHROW****18 May 2006**

Singapore Airlines, the launch customer of the A380, welcomes the plane's arrival into London Heathrow today on its test flight to the airport. Singapore Airlines will be the first carrier to fly the A380 from London Heathrow.

Singapore Airlines will take delivery of the A380, the world's largest passenger aircraft, in November 2006; this will be followed by entry into commercial service in December 2006. The aircraft will first fly on the Kangaroo route, between London, Singapore and Sydney.

Passengers on the Singapore Airlines A380 will be able to enjoy the greater comfort and luxury that the increased space and advanced technology on the aircraft affords. While the A380 can accommodate 555 seats in a standard, three-class configuration, the Singapore Airlines A380 will carry less than 480 passengers in three cabin classes ensuring an air travel experience of the highest quality. Later this year, the airline will unveil its suite of new cabin products, including a First Class and a Business Class that will be very different from the SkySuites and SpaceBeds currently in service.

Marvin Tan, Singapore Airlines General Manager UK and Ireland, said: "We congratulate Airbus and BAA on the arrival of the A380 and opening of Pier 6 and look forward to our first commercial flight from London Heathrow. It will mark another milestone for Singapore Airlines as we celebrate 35 years at Heathrow Airport from which we were the first airline to fly non-stop to Singapore in 1989."

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- The Airline has 10 A380s on firm order and another 15 on option. The order was placed in September 2000 and is worth US\$8.6 billion, including the cost of spares and installed engines (but not including the cost of spare engines).
- On 8 May 2006, Singapore Airline's first designated A380 embarked on its first test flight that lasted for more than two hours. The aircraft will be the first A380 to enter commercial service. As of May 2006, five other Singapore Airlines A380s are at various stages of completion at the Airbus final assembly Line.