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KLM TO HOLD EXTRA GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING ON APRIL 19

AMSTELVEEN, March 29, 2004 On April 19, 2004, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines will hold an extra General Meeting of Shareholders at the Schouwburg in Amstelveen (The Netherlands). The meeting will start at 14:00 hrs. One of the key purposes of the meeting is to provide information about Air France S.A.'s exchange offer for common shares of Koninklijke Luchtvaart Maatschappij N.V. (KLM Royal Dutch Airlines). This offer will be outlined in an offer and listing document that will be made available by March 31, 2004, at the latest. The meeting will also address adjustment of the company's articles of association relating to the bid, after which this issue will be put to a vote. At the meeting, the Supervisory Board also intends to fill the vacancy left by the death of Johan Stekelenburg in September 2003.

The KLM Supervisory Board intends to appoint Mrs. Irene P. Asscher-Vonk (59) as supervisory director of the company. Mrs. Asscher-Vonk is a professor of social law at the Nijmegen Catholic University. She has gained a broad base of experience in socio-economic and judicial issues. Furthermore, Mrs. Asscher-Vonk has extensive experience in labor relations. Her expertise in these areas is of great importance to the KLM Supervisory Board.

Mrs. Asscher-Vonk previously lectured in labor law at the University of Amsterdam. She was a member of the Dutch government's Emancipation Council and the Equal Treatment Commission. She currently holds various positions, including crown-appointed member of the Social Economic Council, member of the National Advisory and Arbitration Committee, and chairwoman of the Disputes Committee for Job Evaluation in Sports. She is also a member of the Supervisory Boards of Numico Nederland B.V. and Arriva Nederland B.V.

The Board intends to nominate Mrs. Asscher-Vonk at the extra General Shareholders Meeting on April 19, 2004 in Amstelveen (The Netherlands).

Note to editors: A digital version of the agenda for the General Meeting is available on the internet at <http://investorrelations.klm.com>.

Note to editors: KLM Royal Dutch Airlines General Shareholders Meeting is open to the media. Audio-visual media will be allowed to record the introductions presented by the Chairman of the KLM Supervisory Board and the President & CEO of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, as well as the presentation on the bid by KLM's Chief Financial Officer. If you wish to attend, please contact KLM's Media Relations department at +31 (0)20 649 4545 or e-mail mediarelations@klm.com before April 16, 2004.