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# UNITED AIRLINES REACHES AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO ENHANCE LIQUIDITY BY APPROXIMATELY \$1.2 BILLION

CHICAGO, July 22, 2008 – UAL Corporation (NASDAQ: UAUA), the holding company whose primary subsidiary is United Airlines, today announced that it reached an agreement in principle with its Mileage Plus co-branded bank card partner, Chase Bank U.S.A., N.A. ("Chase"), and Paymentech, one of its credit card processors, to extend the term of their respective agreements.

As part of the transaction, United will receive a payment of \$600 million from Chase, which relates to the advance purchase of frequent flyer miles and the extension of the contract. The company also expects this transaction will improve cash flow by about \$200 million in the next two years.

In addition, the level of reserve or holdback that United is required to maintain under its credit card processing agreement with Chase / Paymentech L.L.C. has been reduced to \$25 million. This reduction will result in the release of approximately \$350 million in previously restricted cash.

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As a result of its agreement with Chase, the company expects to increase its cash position by approximately \$1.2 billion, including \$1 billion in the short term and an additional \$200 million over the next two years. Combined with the previously announced approximately \$550 million raised from new transactions in the second and third quarters, the company will have increased its total cash balance by \$1.7 billion and continues to have more than \$3 billion in unencumbered hard assets.

#### **About United**

United Airlines (NASDAQ: UAUA) operates more than 3,200\* flights a day on United and United Express to more than 200 U.S. domestic and international destinations from its hubs in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Chicago and Washington, D.C. With key global air rights in the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and Latin America, United is one of the largest international carriers based in the United States. United also is a founding member of Star Alliance, which provides connections for our customers to 965 destinations in 162 countries worldwide. United's 55,000 employees reside in every U.S. state and in many countries around the world. News releases and other information about United can be found at the company's Web site at <a href="united.com">united.com</a>. \*Based on United's flight schedule between Jan. 1, 2008, and Dec. 31, 2008.

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