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### Delta Air Lines and MDS Coating Technologies Announce Teaming Agreement



-- Dallas, Texas, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 -- Delta Air Lines (DELTA) and MDS Coating Technologies Corporation (MCT) announces a Teaming Agreement for engine compressor protective coatings.

The Teaming Agreement allows DELTA to benefit from exclusive partnership rights to MCT's breakthrough protective coating technologies, including the **BlackGold™** coating family, for the worldwide MRO market through DER and STC certification. MCT's revolutionary **BlackGold™** nanostructured erosion and corrosion resistant coatings build on the success of the award winning **ER-7™** coating which has operated successfully for 20 years and has saved customers over \$100 million per year in maintenance, repair, part replacement and fuel costs, leading to environmentally responsible operations through reduced emissions.

Qualification is underway on several engine types operated by Delta with first fleet incorporation scheduled for Q2 of this year. "Competitive pressures and the impact of escalating fuel cost constantly force us to innovate and find new ways to reduce MRO and operating costs. This Teaming Agreement will allow DELTA to benefit from this truly impressive technology", said David Garrison, Managing Director, Engine and Component Maintenance at DELTA.

"We are delighted with the announcement of the Teaming Agreement with DELTA. Our common vision for technological advancement will generate extensive maintenance and fuel savings opportunities for DELTA and the airline industry in general", said Phil Rodger, President of MCT.

#### About MDS Coating Technologies Corporation

MDS Coating Technologies Corporation designs and produces metallic-ceramic protective coatings for aerospace and industrial components, including erosion and corrosion resistant coatings for gas turbine compressor parts. With a commitment to excellence, MDS Coating Technologies has gained an industry reputation for delivering quality products, as evidenced by

the Performance Research Institute awarding MCT merit status for superior performance in Nadcap audits, and AHS International awarding MCT the Harry T. Jensen Award for outstanding contribution to the improvement of vertical flight aircraft reliability, maintainability, and/or safety through improved design.

### **About Delta Air Lines**

Delta Air Lines serves more than 160 million customers each year, and was named by Fortune magazine as the most admired airline worldwide in its 2011 World's Most Admired Companies airline industry list. With an industry-leading global network, Delta and the Delta Connection carriers offer service to 341 destinations in 61 countries on six continents. Headquartered in Atlanta, Delta employs 80,000 employees worldwide and operates a mainline fleet of more than 700 aircraft. A founding member of the SkyTeam global alliance, Delta participates in the industry's leading trans-Atlantic joint venture with Air France-KLM and Alitalia. Including its worldwide alliance partners, Delta offers customers more than 13,000 daily flights, with hubs in Amsterdam, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Detroit, Memphis, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York-JFK, Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Salt Lake City and Tokyo-Narita. Delta is investing more than \$2 billion through 2013 in airport facilities and global products, services and technology to enhance the customer experience in the air and on the ground.

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