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## Media Release

### **Macquarie AirFinance leases one 757-200 to Air Astana**

**DUBLIN, 05 December, 2011** – Macquarie AirFinance, a global aircraft leasing company based in Dublin, Ireland, today announced that it has delivered a Boeing 757-200 aircraft MSN 27971 to Kazakhstan operator Air Astana. Air Astana currently has two A320-200s on lease from Macquarie AirFinance.

Air Astana will integrate the aircraft into its network including flights from its Almaty base to Beijing, Seoul, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur. The 757-200 will also be deployed on new routes to Hong Kong and Vietnam.

John Willingham, Chief Executive Officer of Macquarie AirFinance, said: “Expanding our relationship with Air Astana has been high on our priority list and we are delighted to be able to assist the airline with the execution of its medium-haul strategy. The Boeing 757-200 provides a combined performance and range solution that has yet to be bettered in the 180 – 210 seat category and we have worked closely with Air Astana to ensure that our 757 allows the airline to deliver on its brand expectations. The expanding CIS market is important to us and we aim to increase our presence there as the airlines refresh their fleets.”

#### **About Air Astana**

Air Astana is a full member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the only IOSA certified airline in Kazakhstan, having completed its 3<sup>rd</sup> IOSA re-certification in May 2011 with no findings. Air Astana is also the only commercial airline in Kazakhstan certified to perform aircraft maintenance on European standards EASA/Part 145. Air Astana is a joint venture of National Welfare Fund Samruk-Kazyna JSC and the British company BAE Systems, with shareholdings of 51% and 49% respectively. Air Astana’s fleet currently comprises 767-300, 757-200, A321, A320, A319, E190 and F50.

#### **About Macquarie AirFinance**

Macquarie AirFinance is a global aircraft leasing company providing aircraft and capital to the world’s commercial airlines, and advisory and management services to aircraft owners. Established in 2006 and headquartered in Dublin, Ireland, the company currently owns or manages 155 jet aircraft leased to 79 operators in 43 countries, across 6 continents.

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