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MINISTER EMERSON WELCOMES AIR NEW ZEALAND INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO VANCOUVER

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will welcome Air New Zealand's inaugural non-stop flight from Auckland, New Zealand, to Vancouver, British Columbia, on November 2, 2007. This is the airline's first non-stop flight from Auckland to Vancouver since Canada and New Zealand reached an open skies air transport agreement this past September.

Minister Emerson and Phil Goff, New Zealand's Minister of Trade, will participate in a welcoming ceremony and hold a joint media availability following the flight's arrival at Vancouver International Airport. Minister Goff is visiting Canada November 2-7, accompanied by a delegation of New Zealand businesses.

| Event: | Welcoming ceremony / Media availability |
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| Date: | Friday, November 2, 2007 |
| Time: | 2:45 p.m. PDT |
| Location: | Spirit of Haida Gwaii sculpture |
| | Departures Level, International Terminal, Vancouver International Airport Vancouver, B.C. |

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