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## **Aerotoxic Association Press Release**

**Immediate release**

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The **Aerotoxic Association** was established in 2007 by former Training Captain John Hoyte to alert others to the dangers of contaminated air in aircraft, to avoid possible costly misdiagnoses and unnecessary conventional medical treatments.

The **Aerotoxic Association** has **TODAY** in conjunction with 'Toxic Free Airlines' sent every MP and Lord a copy of the investigative documentary 'Welcome Aboard Toxic Airlines'. This significant step has been taken to ensure no MP or Lord can say they were not made aware of the serious health and flight safety issues surrounding the ongoing exposure of passengers and crews to toxic chemicals onboard commercial jet aircraft. Issues which the Government and Civil Aviation Authority have negligently failed to address.

The aims of the Association remain to highlight the serious risks of breathing toxic oil fumes within the confines of a passenger airliner, known as a 'fume event' and to provide free specialised independent medical information to any victims from around the world and to publicise **Aerotoxic Syndrome**.

Despite **Aerotoxic Syndrome** being suggested in 1999 by 3 internationally reputable scientists, it remains one of the best kept secrets of the Aviation industry, whilst probably being the main reason for much mysterious neurological ill health in aircrew and passengers.

UK Government figures state that a fume event occurs in around one in 2000 flights - with 1,200,000 flights a year in the UK, this would indicate at least 600 flights per year expose aircrew and passengers to neurotoxic oil fumes. (196,000 passengers per year UCL 2006). Whilst the medical effects of cigarette smoking are well established, accepted and filters of cigarettes are known to work – bleed air from jet engine remains - unfiltered.

The **Aerotoxic Association** supports the call made by the GCAQE today for a Public Inquiry and we urge the media to not 'shoot the messengers' but to allow the 'Court of Public opinion' to decide whether breathing toxic oil fumes in a confined space might be responsible for certain mysterious ill health after flying?

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### **Notes to Editors:**

After a 29 year flying career including four years aerial bush fire fighting in Australia and 16 years flying the BAe 146 airliner he was prematurely medically grounded at the age of 51 in early 2006 due to 'chronic stress'. A few weeks later he was tested by BALPA and UCL (University College London) for toxic chemicals and cognitive dysfunction along with 26 other pilots - all of whom had abnormal results.

The Aerotoxic Association is pleased to announce the availability of 'Flyer's Friend'<sup>TM</sup> face masks - a precautionary 'short term measure' to combat fumes in a confined space. As the emergency oxygen system on airliners is ONLY for the use in the event of a loss of cabin air pressure, individuals with a activated carbon face mask can gain a level of protection during a fume event for around £5. Concerned German passengers have bought these masks as a result of WDR TV finding evidence of 'nerve gas in 28 out of 30 passenger aircraft' recently.