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WETSEL NAMED NEW COO OF ISLAND AIR

Les Murashige, Chief Operating Officer of Hawaii Island Air, Inc. dba Island Air announced his retirement after 35 years in the airline industry. Having joined Island Air in 2004 when Charles F. Willis IV purchased the company from Aloha AirGroup, Les has been instrumental in ensuring the success of Island Air as an independent regional airline.

For the past year, Les and Chief Financial Officer, Lesley Kaneshiro, have shared the leadership responsibility of the day to day operations of Island Air. "Les' dedication to the company and its employees are evident and I have experienced his wealth of knowledge in the airline industry firsthand. I appreciate his unyielding commitment and all that he has done for Island Air. He will truly be missed." said Charles Willis.

After an intensive search, Island Air is pleased to announce that Bruce Wetsel will be joining the company as its Chief Operating Officer to assume the shared responsibility of the company's operations with CFO, Lesley Kaneshiro. Bruce is a very seasoned veteran of the airlines having held executive positions with Mokulele Flight Service, Inc., Aloha Airlines, Midwest Airlines, Alaska Airlines, Tahoe Air Corp., American Airlines, United Airlines and Aircal Airlines. "We welcome Bruce to the Island Air Ohana and look forward to a long standing relationship" said Mr. Willis. "Both Bruce and Lesley bring a high level of expertise and understanding of the airline industry. They will certainly complement each other as they focus on the daily operations and future direction of Island Air."

Island Air is Hawai'i's leading regional carrier, serving airports on all major Hawaiian Islands. The airline now offers 392 weekly flights between the islands of O'ahu (Honolulu International Airport), Maui (Kahului Airport and West Maui's Kapalua Airport), Moloka'i (Ho'olehua Airport), Lana'i (Lana'i City Airport), Kaua'i (Lihue Airport), and the Island of Hawai'i (Hilo International Airport and Kona International Airport). For reservations, flight information, and free membership in Island Air's Cloud 9 Customer Rewards Program, visit www.islandair.com.

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