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### **HCL Technologies Launches AeroPASS Airport Security Solution**

#### *Biometric Solution Enhances Quality of Life for Airline Crews*

Sunnyvale, CA – September 29, 2010 – HCL Technologies, a leading global IT services provider today announced the launch of AeroPASS™, the future-proofed, flexible and secure biometric solution for expediting passage of pilots and flight attendants through security checkpoints and into sterile airport areas. AeroPASS™ is currently available for deployment in US airports.

The unique AeroPASS solution was developed by the global airline IT services company, HCL Technologies, biometrics specialist Daon Trusted Identity Services, and airline communications experts AvFinity LLC.

AeroPASS™ complies with rapid-access biometric systems regulations as defined by the Transportation Security Agency (TSA). Unlike basic fingerprint-checking solutions which often store sensitive information AeroPASS combines biometrics and PKI (Public Key Infrastructure).

A Personal Identification Verification (PIV) card issued to each AeroPASS enrollee is embedded with that individual's photograph, fingerprint biometrics and PKI using digital certificate management, which is checked against a Certificate Revocation List (CRL). The CRL rejects crew members whose status has changed due to resignation, retirement, disciplinary actions, etc. In this way, AeroPASS provides a reliable and secure method of verifying in real time the identity and employment status of airline crews.

“AeroPASS will cost an airline's crew member less than that of a newspaper each day and will improve quality of life and time spent in security lines,” says Amit Gupta, Vice President and Global Head, Transportation Vertical at HCL Technologies. “One of the most appealing aspects of AeroPASS, however, is that PIV cards are interoperable with other airports regardless of that location's biometrics provider. That's not the case with older biometric fingerprint solutions currently being promoted that are not based on PIV.”

The AeroPASS solution embraces the standards of the Biometric Airport Security Identification Consortium, or BASIC. The goal of the BASIC consortium is to bolster airport security through a framework that provides the nation's airports with a biometric-enabled access control system for its tenants, including airline personnel. Consistent with BASIC, the AeroPASS solution enables airline crew to assert their identity within the nation's airports, based on U.S. government's FIPS 201 credentials for federal employees and contractors.

AeroPASS provides flexible pricing plans that meet the needs of all airlines and their crews, regardless of size. Personal and transaction data are protected through the ultra secure Daon biometrics technology and the AvFinity Integrated Router Solution (AIRS) software technology.

#### **About HCL Technologies**

HCL Technologies is a leading global IT services company, working with clients in the areas that impact and redefine the core of their businesses. Since its inception into the global landscape after its IPO in 1999, HCL focuses on 'transformational outsourcing', underlined by innovation and value creation, and offers integrated portfolio of services including software-led IT solutions, remote infrastructure management, engineering and R&D services and BPO. HCL leverages its extensive global offshore infrastructure and network of offices in 26 countries to provide holistic, multi-service delivery in key industry verticals including Financial Services, Manufacturing, Consumer Services, Public Services and Healthcare. HCL takes pride in its philosophy of 'Employee First' which empowers our 64,557 transformers to create a real value for the customers. HCL Technologies, along with its subsidiaries, had consolidated revenues of US\$ 2.7 billion (Rs. 12,565 crores), for the year ended as on 30th June 2010. For more information, please visit [www.hcltech.com](http://www.hcltech.com)

#### **About HCL Enterprise**

HCL is a \$5 billion leading global technology and IT enterprise comprising two companies listed in India - HCL Technologies and HCL Infosystems. Founded in 1976, HCL is one of India's original IT garage start-ups. A pioneer of modern computing, HCL is a global transformational enterprise today. Its range of offerings includes product engineering, custom & package applications, BPO, IT infrastructure services, IT hardware, systems integration, and distribution of information and communications technology (ICT) products across a wide range of focused industry verticals. The HCL team consists of over 71,000 professionals of diverse nationalities, who operate from 29 countries including over 500 points of presence in India. HCL has partnerships with several leading Global 1000 firms, including leading IT and Technology firms. For more information, please visit [www.hcl.com](http://www.hcl.com)

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**About Daon Trusted Identity Services**

Daon Trusted Identity Services operates the Transportation Security Clearinghouse and has conducted over 5.6 million background checks within the aviation community. It is a division of Daon, the world's foremost supplier of identity assurance products and services with engagement totaling over 500 million identities worldwide.

**About AvFinity LLC**

AvFinity is a data communications/data integration company focused on multiple solutions for the aviation industry. Its services include providing mission-critical communications solutions to commercial and general aviation through patent-pending software technology.

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