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### **Pantheon Chemical's PreKote® Surface Pretreatment Selected by Continental Airlines®**

*Phoenix, AZ (February 12, 2007)* – Pantheon Chemical's non-toxic surface pretreatment, PreKote, has been selected by Continental Airlines for use in its aircraft repainting program. The airline's decision to use hexavalent chromium-free PreKote marks a shift in the aerospace industry to eliminate toxins used in the pretreatment of aircraft.

Continental Airlines was the first commercial airline to test the technology following the United States Air Force's success with PreKote. A twenty-two month performance analysis validated the in-service performance of PreKote, showing excellent adhesion and paint quality results. In addition, the PreKote process used on Continental aircraft at Leading Edge Aviation Services cut process time, eliminated hazardous chemicals, improved worker health and safety conditions and reduced waste water.

Pantheon Chemical CEO, Laura Roberts, said, "We are proud to partner with Continental Airlines and Leading Edge Aviation Services. We commend the companies' forward thinking leaders for their efforts in improving the environment. Their decision to use PreKote highlights the way in which companies can implement safe technology that improves performance and their bottom-line."

Safety and performance in a surface pretreatment merge at an important time. OSHA issued a ruling this year that reduced the permissible exposure limit for hexavalent chromium by 52% in the aerospace painting industry. In the final ruling OSHA states the primary health impairments from workplace exposure to hexavalent chromium are lung cancer, asthma, and damage to the nasal epithelia and skin. Airlines, paint facilities and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) are quickly responding by implementing solutions that are high performance, non-toxic, and hexavalent chromium-free.

PreKote is a non-chromium surface pretreatment utilizing safe, hazard-free technology for use in the painting and coating industries. PreKote offers superior adhesion, improved paint flexibility, and advanced corrosion protection on painted surfaces when used as part of a coating system. PreKote replaces both chromium and non-chromated conversion coating systems, replacing acid etches, solvent washes and other toxic substances on metal and composite substrates prior to priming and painting.

#### **About Continental Airlines**

Continental Airlines is the world's fifth largest airline. Continental, together with Continental Express and Continental Connection, has more than 3,100 daily departures throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia, serving 150 domestic and 136 international destinations. More than 400 additional points are served via SkyTeam alliance airlines. With more than 44,000 employees, Continental has hubs serving New York, Houston, Cleveland and Guam, and together with Continental Express, carries approximately 67 million passengers per year. Continental consistently earns awards and critical acclaim for both its operation and its corporate culture.

#### **About Pantheon Chemical**

Pantheon Chemical's mission is to become the global leader in effecting change through innovative technologies to improve people's lives and deliver responsible profits for a lasting planet. This mission is accomplished through providing breakthrough products and services that solve industry problems associated with performance, worker health and safety, and the environment. Pantheon Chemical boasts a broad range of high performance, non-hazardous, non-toxic technologies specifically developed to replace toxic chemicals and processes. Currently, Pantheon Chemical and its technologies are changing global industry standards in surface pretreatment, metalworking, industrial cleaners and weapons maintenance. For more company information, visit [pantheonchemical.com](http://pantheonchemical.com).