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**American Airlines, Alaska, Delta, Frontier, Horizon, Midwest
and WestJet Approve SeQual's Eclipse® Portable Oxygen
Concentrator for Passenger Use**

Oxygen patients can now travel throughout North America with ease

SAN DIEGO – SeQual Technologies Inc., which develops oxygen systems known worldwide for their reliability, quality, revolutionary design and economy, announced today that seven airlines: American, Alaska, Delta, Frontier, Horizon, Midwest and WestJet have approved the portable Eclipse® Oxygen System for use aboard all of their flights.

In September, the FAA cleared the Eclipse for use aboard all commercial airliners and SeQual has since worked to have individual airlines allow oxygen patients to operate the Eclipse in-flight. The airline approvals mean that over 2 million Americans needing continuous flow oxygen therapy now have numerous worry-free airline options when making travel plans. Previously, patients could transport, but not use the Eclipse on an airplane, forcing them to rely on oxygen cylinders provided by the airline while in-flight.

Before the approval of the Eclipse, oxygen patients had three major obstacles to address when flying: they had to pay up to \$100 more for each leg of the flight; they had the logistical challenges of arranging for multiple oxygen cylinders for use en route or while waiting at an airport; and they had to make arrangements at their destination for delivery of a continuing supply of oxygen tanks or a cumbersome oxygen concentrator.

"I heard about the FAA approval of the Eclipse and felt that it could be a fantastic unit for all my oxygen needs," said Mike Rosenthal, an Eclipse patient in Phoenix. "I recently took it with me on a three hour plus flight to Chicago where I was able to attend a family wedding. On board the plane, I used the unit's battery power. When I got to the hotel, I plugged it in to the regular hotel 110 Volt socket, used it at night, and recharged the battery for the trip back home. The wedding was great and so was the Eclipse. I can now take trips to cities where high altitude mountains must be crossed. The battery operation and safety features of the unit are remarkable. It truly is an all purpose oxygen source."

The approval by the seven airlines allowed numerous patients to travel during the busy holiday season.

“Just in time for the holidays, American, Alaska, Delta, Frontier, Horizon, Midwest and WestJet gave a gift to their passengers who use supplemental oxygen,” said Jim Bixby, CEO of SeQual. “And we are looking forward to several additional airline approvals in early 2007.”

For providers, the approval by multiple airlines means an end to the often costly challenge of arranging oxygen therapy for their more-active patients, especially during the busy travel season.

“Now the same units we use for our oxygen concentrator fleet are also perfect for travel purposes,” said Gordon Wesner, a provider from Colorado. “When one of our patients is traveling, they simply take their Eclipse and all of the logistical challenges are solved.”

Developed over five years at a cost of \$12 million, the Eclipse weighs 17 pounds, has a retractable handle and wheels for mobility, and is about the size of a student's backpack. It was designed to fit easily under standard airplane seats. Prior to the Eclipse, patients needing continuous flow oxygen were required to make arrangements for the delivery of multiple oxygen cylinders or to ship large stationary concentrators to their destination and pay extra fees for oxygen onboard the airplane.

SeQual Technologies Inc.

Founded in 1991, SeQual offers a family of innovative products ranging from the 3 LPM (liter-per-minute) continuous flow portable Eclipse to its popular, compact, easy-to-use bedside 10 LPM unit. SeQual's air separation systems are used for industrial applications such as water purification, oxygenation for aquaculture, producing feed gas for ozone generators, or for any other processes needing high-purity, dry oxygen or nitrogen on site. SeQual is a private company is based in San Diego. For more information, see www.sequal.com.

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