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ATLANTA, May 15, 2008 – The American-Israel Chamber of Commerce (AICC) held its 7th annual Eagle Star Awards Gala on May 14, hosted by Delta Air Lines at its world headquarters in Atlanta. The Eagle Star Gala is AICC's community flagship event, honoring the people and companies who have contributed most to the Southeast-Israel business relationship. This year's event also commemorated the 60th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel.

Israeli Company of the Year Winner - Metrolight

- Metrolight: Netanya, Israel-based company with its U.S. headquarters in Brentwood, Tennessee is the leader in electronic ballast solutions for HID lighting systems, with installations in major retailers in the Southeast and around the world that have accumulated over 1.4 billion operating hours, saved the end users over \$6.5 million in energy costs, and have shown a low rate of failure. For more information, visit <http://www.metrolight.com>.

Deal of the Year Winner - Verint / Witness Systems

- Verint and Witness Systems: Tel Aviv-based company acquired Atlanta-based Witness Systems in 2007 for \$950 million, resulting in Verint Witness Actionable Solutions, its largest division. The newly merged company has grown 150% in support services resources and 200% in R&D, thus becoming more scalable and efficient which in turn has contributed to the quicker delivery to market of a new combined platform. For more information, visit <http://www.verint.com>.

Founders Award - André Schnabl received the 2008 Chamber Founders Award in recognition of his years of support and leadership for the Chamber, as well as his stature in the accounting profession and the business community.

Community Partner Award - Georgia Bio received the 2008 Community Partner Award for their role in working with AICC to support Israeli medical device and biotech companies.

"These honorees are certainly deserving of the awards this year. It is the companies, people, and partners such as these who have made our organization so successful," said AICC President Tom Glaser.

Keynote Speaker

Edward Bastian, president and CFO of Delta Air Lines delivered the keynote address in a pre-taped video, discussing Delta's significant support of U.S.-Israel business activity.

In 2005, Delta began direct flights between Atlanta and Tel Aviv. The addition of those flights has translated into new business in Atlanta and the Southeast. The AICC worked with Atlanta leaders and Delta for years to make the Atlanta/Tel Aviv route a reality.

The event website, <http://www.eaglestargala.com> , features all the event details.

In addition to Delta Air Lines as the Host, sponsors were The Coca-Cola Company, *Business to Business* magazine, DeutscheBank Alex.Brown, Smith Gambrell & Russell, Grant Thornton, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan, TTI Telecom, Troutman Sanders, Tescom, Needle & Rosenberg, SRI Travel, Given Imaging, Gate Gourmet, King & Spalding, T.I.B.A., Dale M. Schwartz & Associates, Veritas Venture Partners, Ann & Jay Davis, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, Miller Richmond Company, Chamberlain Hrdlicka White Williams & Martin, Bank of Atlanta, Edelman, Dual Access Solutions, Air Serv, Israel Ministry of Tourism, Consulate General of Israel, Coles College of Business / Kennesaw State University, American Jewish Life, and Hall Booth Smith & Slover.

About the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce

The American-Israel Chamber of Commerce is a bi-national business association with the mission of increasing economic development by fostering understanding, cooperation, and business relationships between Israel and the Southeast. AICC is a proud affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta.

Since its founding in 1992, AICC has been involved in completed transactions valued at more than \$950 million, creating jobs and benefiting the economies of both Israel and the Southeast. AICC targets a range of projects involving import, export, research & development, direct investment and joint ventures. Key areas of focus include software, telecommunications, cleantech, life sciences, real estate, and security.