

**New Investment Firm Will Target Aerospace and Transportation Companies Worldwide**  
**NEXA CAPITAL PARTNERS Led by Seasoned Executives**

(October 18, 2007, Washington, DC and Chicago, IL) – Officials from Nexa Capital Partners, LLC today announced the opening of offices in Washington, DC and Chicago. Nexa will immediately begin providing investment and financial advisory services for aerospace and aviation, maritime, and rail and transit companies around the world.

Led by Michael J. Dyment, former Managing Director, Vice President, and Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers, AT Kearney and Arthur Andersen, and Justin P. Oberman, former Assistant Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Nexa will focus only on high-growth, transformational opportunities.

“I am extremely pleased to be part of such an exciting business venture,” said Michael Dyment, who will serve as Chief Executive Officer of Nexa Capital Partners. “Over the next 20 years, the aerospace and transportation sectors will undergo extraordinary and fundamental changes. I have no doubt that our team’s knowledge, expertise and experience can be leveraged in very significant ways to take advantage of these changes, and along the way building enterprise value for our investors and our aerospace and transportation clients.”

Nexa’s current portfolio includes several promising holdings, including Primair Inc., a unique business aviation operator, and TraceGuard Technologies, Inc., providing advanced systems for explosives trace detection at airports. In addition to providing strategic counsel for companies, funds, and government agencies, Nexa facilitates financing through the firm’s network of hedge funds, private equity firms and venture capitalists. The company’s business model includes plans to take direct equity stakes in selected companies.

“We connect great management teams and their ideas with strategic partners that accelerate value creation,” said Justin Oberman, who will serve as Chief Operating Officer of Nexa. “The impacts of economic growth, security requirements, and environmental concerns pose challenges but also opportunities for innovative entrepreneurs and leaders in aerospace and aviation, maritime, and rail and transit – Nexa looks forward to working with such companies as they capitalize on unprecedented opportunities in the sector.”

With more than 30 years’ experience in aerospace, aviation, and finance, Dyment was a senior partner and executive at several top consulting firms. His clients included ITT, who he advised in support of their winning bid last month to the Federal Aviation Administration for the next-generation air traffic control system (ADS-B), a number of major airlines including American, easyJet and Swiss, international financial institutions including Nordic Capital and Primair, and startup companies such as Orbitz. He also serves as a key advisor to the FAA on financial and policy matters.

Oberman has more than 11 years’ experience in aviation, transportation, and homeland security. He has consulted to transportation companies, government agencies, and lending

institutions in the U.S., Europe, and Asia and spent nearly five years with the U.S. Government, including as a senior executive at TSA, where he was responsible for the agency's credentialing and vetting programs.

#### About Nexa Capital Partners, LLC

Nexa Capital Partners, LLC is a unique investment firm, created solely to increase enterprise value for aerospace and transportation companies in the U.S., Asia, including India and China, Europe, and around the world. Nexa's two operating units include Nexa Advisors, LLC, which provides specialized transaction-focused services including business advisory, capital planning, corporate finance, due diligence and public sector support; and Nexa Equities, LLC, which assumes equity stakes in clients, and provides targeted direct investments with Nexa partner institutions and seed capital for new ventures. With offices in Washington, DC, and Chicago, IL, Nexa works with institutional investors and sector companies, as well as with government and industry organizations that drive regulatory requirements.