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## **Air Canada announces acceptance of proposal for credit card processing services**

MONTREAL, July 27 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada today announced that it has accepted a proposal from a new service provider for the provision of its principal credit card processing services requirements in North America for Visa and MasterCard, for a five year term beginning at the expiry of the current agreements being replaced. Air Canada and the credit card processor have agreed to triggering events upon which Air Canada would be required to provide the credit card processor with deposits. The obligation to provide, and the amount of, deposits required would be based upon a matrix measuring, on a quarterly basis, both a fixed charge coverage ratio and unrestricted cash of Air Canada.

Agreement between Air Canada and the credit card processor is subject to certain conditions, including conclusion of formal documentation.

Air Canada is issuing this press release pursuant to its obligations under applicable Canadian securities law.

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This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities laws. Forward-looking statements relate to analyses and other information that are based on forecasts of future results and estimates of amounts not yet determinable. These statements may involve, but are not limited to, comments relating to preliminary results, guidance, strategies, expectations, planned operations or future actions. Forward-looking statements are identified by the use of terms and phrases such as "preliminary", "anticipate", "believe", "could", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "may", "plan", "predict", "project", "will", "would", and similar terms and phrases, including references to assumptions.

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