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Press Release: Heath Tecna Supplies KAL A380 Lounges

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Heath Tecna Reveals Supply Relationship with Korean Air for A380 Prestige Class Lounges

Paris, France - At the Paris Air Show today, Heath Tecna CEO Richard L. Ballantyne revealed the company's supply relationship with Korean Air, announcing an ongoing multi-year partnership with the airline to manufacture A380 upper deck bars, sofas, and other equipment for the carrier's Prestige class. The sleek furnishings are installed in the airline's second A380 being displayed at the show. While the program was awarded several years ago, due to the competitive nature of airline product development, program partnership details could not be revealed until now.

The deal called for Heath Tecna to coordinate all interior design activities between Korean Air, Absolut Vodka, and Airbus, as well as build mock-ups, engineer the stylish designs to pass certification, and manufacture the premium equipment. The program kicked off in 2006, five shipsets have already been delivered to Airbus, and five more orders are booked to support Korean's A380 deliveries through 2014.

A380 Prestige Class Lounges

Upstairs in the superjumbo, passengers will find the sophisticated lounges located in both the forward and aft sections of the cabin near the stairwells. The forward lounge houses a divided 2 + 2 person sofa, which has built-in side tables and reading lamps. Across from the sofa is a magazine display, which also doubles as an amenity/snack servery. To the side of the sofa is an integral self-service Absolut Vodka themed bar, which features a display tower, martini glasses, and chilled liquor bottles stored in a conjoined side table.

The aft lounge — which is also sponsored by Absolut and is known as the [Celestial Bar](#) — contains a 2 person sofa with reading lamps, provides passengers a trio of lean-to cushions for [impromptu socializing](#), offers a flat panel LCD on top of a magazine display, and incorporates a stand-up bar staffed by a cabin crew member. The aft bar unit features the same design hallmarks as the forward bar, such as the Absolut display tower, but is more elaborate in its overall configuration. Blue fabrics, high-gloss white paint, powder coated aluminum surfaces, and a special squirrel and grape leaf decorative define the finishes of the lounges. Accent lighting is also prominent throughout these cozy areas.

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In addition to the lounges, Heath Tecna is responsible for supplying centerline stowage closets at the top of the stairway in the forward area. For every Korean Air A380 built, Heath Tecna supplies 9 cabin furnishing assemblies, which will total 90 units over the course of the program.

About Heath Tecna

Heath Tecna is one of the foremost manufacturers of interior products for passenger aircraft, serving retrofit, BFE line-fit, and OEM SFE markets. The Company engineers and supplies nose-to-tail interiors, as well as the systems and support structures for them. Heath Tecna offerings include interior architectures, cabin furnishings, integration services, flammability testing, and technical publications authoring. As a one-stop shop, the Company also operates an FAA approved Part 145 Repair Station, and an AS9120 approved spares distribution center. Heath Tecna was recently awarded Manufacturer of the Year for large companies in the State of Washington.

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