



SWISS and Montréal Women's Cycling World Cup 2009 Events A high flying duo!

Montreal, 17 April 2009 — For the sixth consecutive year, Swiss International Air Lines is proud to figure among the major partners of the Montréal Women's Cycling World Cup events by providing air transport for European competitors, their bicycles and cycling gear.

Under the patronage of Honorary President, **Raymond Bachand**, Québec Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade, these events of international magnitude will draw many of the world's finest women cyclists to Montréal. The 12th edition of the **Montréal Women's Cycling World Cup**, the only race in North America to figure on the racing calendar of Union Cycliste Internationale, will be staged on 30 May 2009 from a starting point on Avenue du Parc at the foot of Mount Royal. The 8th edition of **Le Tour du Grand Montréal**, the most prestigious road race in North America, will be run in five stages from 1 to 4 June 2009. The race will begin in Châteauguay, feature stops in Granby, Lachine and Montréal's Little Italy, and end in Mont-Saint-Hilaire.

"SWISS has long shared the same passion for performance excellence as these distinguished amateur women cyclists who continually strive to go one better," stated **Olivier Schlegel**, Director General for SWISS in Canada. "We are proud to provide for the inflight wellbeing of athletes, while ensuring the safe carriage of their bicycles and cycling gear. May each enjoy these top flight sporting events to the fullest and take advantage of this opportunity to tour the Greater Montréal area."

Daniel Manibal, President and Chief Executive Officer of Montréal Women's Cycling World Cup 2009, was delighted to be able to count upon the enduring support of SWISS. "Thanks to SWISS, the world's top ranking women cyclists are once again certain to be on the starting line for this prestigious competition."

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