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AAR ESTIMATES IMPACT OF MESA'S BANKRUPTCY ON THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

WOOD DALE, ILLINOIS, February 9, 2010 – AAR CORP. (NYSE: AIR) today commented that results for the third quarter ending February 28, 2010, will be unfavorably impacted by approximately \$0.10 diluted earnings per share as a result of Mesa Air Group, Inc.'s (Mesa) January 5, 2010 Chapter 11 filing under the United States Bankruptcy Code. The impact mostly reflects the Company's estimated loss on pre-petition trade accounts receivables and the reduction in the carrying value of other contract related assets.

Sales to Mesa prior to the reorganization filing approximated \$70 million per year. Based upon the Company's current understanding of Mesa's requirements, the Company expects annual sales to Mesa to now approximate \$45 million.

Commenting on the outlook for the third quarter, David P. Storch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AAR CORP., said, "We have not yet seen the uptick in sales to commercial customers in January that we had expected. However, our defense business remains strong and after excluding the unfavorable impact of Mesa, we expect to achieve modest sequential earnings per share improvement in our Fiscal 2010 third quarter results. We also expect continued strong cash flow from operations in our third quarter."

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