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**XM SATELLITE RADIO ANNOUNCES CONTINUED EXPANSION AND
ENHANCEMENT OF INDUSTRY-LEADING XM WX SATELLITE WEATHER SERVICE
NEW SERVICE TIER, TFRs AND SATELLITE MOSAIC**

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Oshkosh, Wisc., July 26, 2004 – XM Satellite Radio today announced a continuing expansion for its industry-leading XM WX Satellite Weather service. The XM WX service provides pilots with an unrivalled suite of high-resolution graphical weather products, continually updated via satellite broadcast, and available using an extensive range of cockpit solutions from leading avionics manufacturers.

Introduction of new “Aviator Lite” service tier, priced at \$29.99 per month

Introduced in addition to the existing “Aviator” tier, the new “Aviator Lite” tier offers aviators a core group of essential weather products at an exceptional value. With the introduction of this second aviation service tier, pilots can now choose between the new “Aviator Lite” package, priced at \$29.99 per month, or the more extensive “Aviator” tier, priced at \$49.99/month, allowing them to select the ideal weather data package according to their needs. Full details of the product content of both tiers are detailed below.

Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) Included as a Standard Feature in Both Service Tiers

XM is proud to announce the addition of the much-requested Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) data product. TFRs are now available as a standard feature across both XM WX Satellite Weather aviation service tiers. As

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with all other XM WX weather data products, TFRs are broadcast with continuous updates over the Continental United States. “We are pleased to expand the XM WX aviation service offering to include a capability heavily used by all pilots, especially in this time of heightened security”, said Roderick MacKenzie, Director of Advanced Applications at XM. “This information will provide pilots important updates to continuously changing flight restricted areas “.

Satellite Mosaic Displays Nationwide Cloud Cover

XM also announces the forthcoming availability of a Satellite Mosaic data product as part of the XM WX “Aviator” service tier. This new feature will provide a nationwide composite of cloud cover, derived from NOAA infra-red imagery, over the Continental United States and hundreds of miles offshore. Presented in high-resolution detail, Satellite Mosaic will be available later this year as part of the “Aviator” service tier, and at no additional cost. XM WX hardware partners will be developing applications to implement this new capability on their avionics devices, subject to separate individual announcements of availability and timing.

With these announced additions to the XM WX Weather service, the product content of the current aviation weather data service tiers is listed below. Additional weather data products in development will be subject to subsequent announcements.

XM WX Products	XM WX Service Tiers	
	“Aviator Lite”	“Aviator”
High Resolution NEXRAD Radar	X	X
Precipitation Type (at Surface)	X	X
METARs	X	X
TAFs	X	X
TFRs	X	X
City Forecasts	X	X
County Warnings	X	X
Winds Aloft (at Altitude)		X
Echo Tops		X
Severe Weather Storm Tracks		X
Satellite Mosaic (Available later in 2004)		X
AIRMETS		X
SIGMETs		X
Surface Analysis Weather Maps		X
Lightning		X

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XM WX is available on industry standard Multi-Functional Displays (MFDs), Electronic Flight Bags (EFBs), Tablet PCs and PDAs, and is offered as original equipment by leading airframe manufacturers, allowing pilots a choice of multiple cockpit solutions. Visit www.XMWXweather.com to learn more.

About XM WX Satellite Weather

XM WX Satellite Weather is a comprehensive graphical weather data service offered by XM Satellite Radio and WxWorx Inc., an affiliate of Baron Services (the nation's leading provider of analytical weather services to the TV broadcast and emergency management industries).

XM WX sets the new standard for provision of much-needed weather information to mobile markets, with a comprehensive offering of weather products presenting precipitation, wind, lightning, visibility, sea conditions, hazardous weather data and more to the aviation, marine and emergency response markets. The combination of more detailed and comprehensive weather data, continuous satellite delivery and exceptional coverage anywhere within the continental United States and coastal waters is simply unmatched. For additional information about XM WX, visit <http://www.XMWXweather.com/>.

About XM Satellite Radio

In the fall of 2001, XM Satellite Radio pioneered the introduction of satellite radio in the U.S. Today, XM is America's #1 satellite radio service with more than 2.1 million subscribers. Broadcasting live daily from studios in Washington, D.C., New York City and Nashville, Tennessee at the Country Music Hall of Fame, XM's 2004 lineup includes more than 120 digital channels of choice from coast to coast: 68 commercial-free music channels, featuring hip hop to opera, classical to country, bluegrass to blues; 34 channels of premier sports, talk, comedy, children's and entertainment programming; and 21 channels of the most advanced traffic and weather information for major metropolitan areas nationwide. Affordable, compact and stylish XM satellite radio receivers for the home, the car, the computer and boom boxes for "on the go" are available from retailers nationwide. In addition, XM is available in more than 80 different 2004 car models. XM is a popular factory-installed option on more than 40 new General Motors models, as well as a standard feature on several top-selling Honda and Acura models. Avis customers can enjoy XM as a standard feature in the company's premium and luxury vehicles. Passengers on JetBlue Airways and AirTran Airways will be able to listen to XM's programming in-flight later in 2004. For additional information about XM, visit <http://www.xmradio.com/>.

About WxWorx

WxWorx, Inc. is an innovative weather company that provides site-specific, real-time weather information for the XM WX Satellite Weather service. As the premier weather service for mobile users, it not only includes standard NEXRAD radar available from other resources, but a superior portfolio of data products that provide frequent updates on weather conditions. Weather data is retrieved and updated constantly from WxWorx sources located at thousands of points across the nation to ensure users have information at their fingertips whenever and wherever they need it. Founded as an affiliate of Baron Services in 2002, WxWorx employs the same weather data broadcast by meteorologists to more than 235 million people nationwide. WxWorx is based in Huntsville, Ala., with offices in Melbourne, Fla. For more information, please visit www.wxworx.com.