



### **Dense Fog causing vessel collisions**

(January 11, 2008- Hong Kong and Macau) Two TurboJET vessels collided this evening, possibly resulting from low visibility caused by the dense fog. Preliminary details are as follows:

Vessels involved in the accident are “Funchal” and “Santa Maria”, with the former carrying 229 passengers departing from Hong Kong for Macau at 7:46pm and the latter carrying 206 passengers, departing Macau at 8:21pm. The two collided at around 10 minutes away from the Macau shore, and slowly sailed back to the Macau Terminal at 9:39pm and 10:00pm respectively.

Macau Maritime Administration temporarily suspended traffic through the Macau channel at 9:15pm due to the adverse weather, but has reopened it at 10:20pm for one-way traffic. TurboJET is currently working alongside the authorities to provide limited service in order to divert Hong Kong and Macau passengers.

Approximately 140 passengers were wounded in the two incidences. As at 3:30am, majority of the injured have been discharged, with about 14 needing to stay hospitalized. Authorities are currently investigating cause of the accidents, and will announce further details when available.

TurboJET would like to apologize to all passengers and the public for the unfortunate events. The Company will arrange compensations according to individual cases and wishes all passengers a speedy recovery. TurboJET is also grateful for the assistance extended by the authorities, sending all injured parties for hospitalization in less than one hour in order to minimize casualties.

TurboJET has set up a 24-hour hotline for public's enquiries-

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