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**DALLAS, August 8, 2011**—Not all airlines care about finding that balance between ecologically, financially and socially sustainable fuel solutions, but recently Finnair took that first step toward more sustainable flying.

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With biofuels constantly being improved in all of the above-mentioned areas of sustainability, current investments are still playing the most important role in development work.

Finnair is poised to be on the cutting edge.

"Biofuel use is still not financially sustainable, because biofuel is more expensive than ordinary aviation fuel and no large-scale production or distribution has yet



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been established," says Finnair's Vice President Sustainable

Biofuel might be the perfect sustainable way to fly airplanes in the future.

Development Kati Ihamäki. "Finnair, moreover, does not receive any kind of financial support to use biofuel, unlike some other airlines."

In its first biofuel flight, Finnair flew from Amsterdam to Helsinki operating an Airbus A319 aircraft. Using SkyNRG biofuel manufactured from recycled biomass, the fuel mixture used is half biofuel and half ordinary aviation fuel and is manufactured from cooking oil recycled from restaurants.

SkyNRG is a Dutch Company with the mission to help create a sustainable future for aviation through actively developing a sustainable production chain for alternative aviation fuels has been exhaustively researching biofuel for some time and the biofuel used on this first flight currently fulfils all of the quality and safety requirements set for jet fuel. The fuel mixture used is certified in the same class as ordinary aviation fuel.

"Our sector's goal is to find sustainable biofuel solutions so we do not compete with food, land nor water and these Finnair flights are a step in that direction," said Andrea Debbane, Airbus head of Environmental Affairs. "Airbus is at the forefront in helping to speed up the commercialization of biofuels for aviation and these latest passenger flights are proof that we have already come a long way."

Most of the environmental impact of flying arises from engine emissions, so investment on research into alternative fuels is a natural way to seek to reduce environmental loading. The term biofuel means a fuel made from a renewable, organic raw material. The plants used in its manufacture bind carbon dioxide, which is released back into the atmosphere when the biofuel is burned.

For more information about Finnair visit [www.finnair.com](http://www.finnair.com).

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