

Air Canada reports January traffic

System passenger load factor of 77.8% - highest ever for January

MONTREAL, Feb. 6 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada reported a system load factor of 77.8 per cent in January 2007, the highest ever for the first month of the year and the fourth consecutive month of record system load factors.

The mainline carrier flew 2.7 per cent more revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in January 2007 than in January 2006, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity increased by 2.0 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 78.6 per cent, compared to 78.1 per cent in January 2006; an increase of 0.5 percentage points.

Jazz, from whom Air Canada purchases regional capacity, flew 19.3 per cent more RPMs in January 2007 than in January 2006, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity increased by 14.1 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 69.3 per cent, compared to 66.2 per cent in January 2006; an increase of 3.1 percentage points.

Year over year, system traffic on a combined basis for Air Canada and Jazz, rose 3.9 per cent on a capacity increase of 2.9 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 77.8 per cent; an increase of 0.7 percentage points.

"Air Canada recorded its best ever load factor for the month of January, marking a continuation of the strong traffic trends of the last quarter of 2006," said Montie Brewer, President and Chief Executive Officer. "That we were able to increase our load factor and capacity in this normally challenging month shows we are successfully combining our product innovations, including our simplified fare structure and new aircraft, with a disciplined approach to growth. Customers are demonstrating an increasing preference for Air Canada's services and our employees are working hard to earn and keep their loyalty."

This discussion contains certain forward-looking statements, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties. As a result of many factors including acts or potential acts of terrorism, international conflicts, government regulations and government mandated restrictions on operations and pricing, fuel prices, industry restructuring, labour negotiations, the economic environment in general including foreign exchange and interest rates, the airline competitive and pricing environment, industry capacity decisions and new entrants as well as external events, actual results could differ from expected results and the differences could be material.

AIR CANADA

AIR CANADA MAINLINE (Includes Jetz)

	JANUARY			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2007	2006	Change	2007	2006	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)	3,595	3,500	+2.7%	3,595	3,500	+2.7%
Capacity (ASMs millions)	4,571	4,483	+2.0%	4,571	4,483	+2.0%

Load Factor		78.6%	78.1%	+0.5 pts	78.6%	78.1%	+0.5 pts
Canada	RPMs	920	874	+5.3%	920	874	+5.3%
	ASMs	1,166	1,151	+1.3%	1,166	1,151	+1.3%
	Load Factor	78.9%	75.9%	+3.0 pts	78.9%	75.9%	+3.0 pts
U.S. Transborder	RPMs	704	661	+6.5%	704	661	+6.5%
	ASMs	956	860	+11.2%	956	860	+11.2%
	Load Factor	73.6%	76.9%	3.3 pts	73.6%	76.9%	-3.3 pts
Atlantic	RPMs	799	775	+3.1%	799	775	+3.1%
	ASMs	998	982	+1.6%	998	982	+1.6%
	Load Factor	80.1%	78.9%	+1.2 pts	80.1%	78.9%	+1.2 pts
Pacific	RPMs	650	657	-1.1%	650	657	-1.1%
	ASMs	795	796	-0.1%	795	796	-0.1%
	Load Factor	81.8%	82.5%	-0.7 pts	81.8%	82.5%	-0.7 pts
Latin America & Other	RPMs	522	533	-2.1%	522	533	-2.1%
	ASMs	656	694	-5.5%	656	694	-5.5%
	Load Factor	79.6%	76.8%	+2.8 pts	79.6%	76.8%	+2.8 pts

AIR CANADA JAZZ

AIR CANADA'S REGIONAL CAPACITY PROVIDER
(Jazz)

	JANUARY			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2007	2006	Change	2007	2006	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)	309	259	+19.3%	309	259	+19.3%
Capacity (ASMs millions)	446	391	+14.1%	446	391	+14.1%
Load Factor	69.3%	66.2%	+3.1 pts	69.3%	66.2%	+3.1 pts

Canada	RPMs	230	198	+16.2%	230	198	+16.2%
	ASMs	318	290	+9.7%	318	290	+9.7%
	Load Factor	72.3%	68.3%	+4.0 pts	72.3%	68.3%	+4.0 pts
U.S.							
Transborder	RPMs	79	61	+29.5%	79	61	+29.5%
	ASMs	128	101	+26.7%	128	101	+26.7%
	Load Factor	61.7%	60.4%	+1.3 pts	61.7%	60.4%	+1.3 pts

AIR CANADA & AIR CANADA JAZZ

COMBINED
(AIR CANADA MAINLINE AND JAZZ)

		JANUARY			YEAR-TO-DATE		
		2007	2006	Change	2007	2006	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)		3,904	3,759	+3.9%	3,904	3,759	+3.9%
Capacity (ASMs millions)		5,017	4,874	+2.9%	5,017	4,874	+2.9%
Load Factor		77.8%	77.1%	+0.7 pts	77.8%	77.1%	+0.7 pts
Canada	RPMs	1,150	1,072	+7.3%	1,150	1,072	+7.3%
	ASMs	1,484	1,441	+3.0%	1,484	1,441	+3.0%
	Load Factor	77.5%	74.4%	+3.1 pts	77.5%	74.4%	+3.1 pts
U.S.							
Transborder	RPMs	783	722	+8.4%	783	722	+8.4%
	ASMs	1,084	961	+12.8%	1,084	961	+12.8%
	Load Factor	72.2%	75.1%	-2.9 pts	72.2%	75.1%	-2.9 pts
International	RPMs	1,971	1,965	+0.3%	1,971	1,965	+0.3%
	ASMs	2,449	2,472	-0.9%	2,449	2,472	-0.9%
	Load Factor	80.5%	79.5%	+1.0 pts	80.5%	79.5%	+1.0 pts

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