

Air Canada Reports April Load Factor

MONTREAL, May 3, 2012 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of April, AirCanada reported a system load factor of 83.0 per cent, versus 81.9 per cent in April 2011, an increase of 1.1 percentage points. System traffic increased 1.0 per cent on a system-wide capacity decrease of 0.3 per cent. Air Canada reports traffic results on a system-wide basis, including regional airlines from which Air Canada purchases capacity.

"For the month of April, Air Canada reported a system load factor of 83.0 per cent, an increase of 1.1 percentage points from the previous year," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Overall, traffic grew system wide by 1 per cent, led by traffic growth in our domestic Canada and Pacific markets of 3.3 and 5.1 per cent, respectively. These gains were achieved despite a reduction in capacity of 0.3 per cent as a result of disruption to operations caused by job action by a number of unionized employees and the rescheduling of maintenance activities following the sudden closure by Aveos of its facilities. We are focused on maintaining the loyalty and confidence of our customers, and I would like to thank those employees who worked doubly hard during the month to get our customers to their destination safely."

		April			Year-To-Date		
		2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Traffic (RPMs mln)		4,362	4,318	+1.0%	17,308	16,673	+3.8%
Capacity (ASMs mln)		5,253	5,271	-0.3%	21,597	21,130	+2.2%
Load Factor		83.0%	81.9%	+1.1 pts	80.1%	78.9%	+1.2 pts
Canada	RPMs	1,228	1,189	+3.3%	4,767	4,597	+3.7%
	ASMs						
		1,452	1,424	+2.0%	5,872	5,757	+2.0%
	LF	84.6%	83.5%	+1.1 pts	81.2%	79.9%	+1.3 pts
US Transborder	RPMs	788	809	-2.6%	3,327	3,176	+4.8%
	ASMs						
		1,002	1,022	-2.0%	4,237	4,070	+4.1%
	LF	78.6%	79.2%	- 0.6 pts	78.5%	78.0%	+0.5 pts
Atlantic	RPMs	1,029	1,032	-0.3%	3,451	3,319	+4.0%
	ASMs						
		1,231	1,260	-2.3%	4,565	4,487	+1.7%
	LF	83.6%	81.9%	+1.7 pts	75.6%	74.0%	+1.6 pts
Pacific	RPMs	797	758	+5.1%	3,082	2,965	+3.9%
	ASMs						
		924	905	+2.1%	3,637	3,557	+2.2%
	LF	86.3%	83.8%	+2.5 pts	84.7%	83.4%	+1.3 pts
Other*	RPMs	520	530	-1.9%	2,681	2,616	+2.5%
	ASMs						
		644	660	-2.4%	3,286	3,259	+0.8%
	LF	80.7%	80.3%	+0.4 pts	81.6%	80.3%	+1.3 pts

* Includes Australia, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and South America

Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international airline serving more than 180 destinations on five continents. Canada's flag carrier is the 15th largest commercial airline in the world and in 2011 served more than 33 million customers. Air Canada provides scheduled passenger service directly to 60 Canadian cities, 57 destinations in the United States and 63 cities in

Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, Mexico and South America. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's most comprehensive air transportation network serving 1,290 destinations in 189 countries. In 2011, Air Canada was ranked Best International Airline in North America in a worldwide survey of more than 18 million airline passengers conducted by independent research firm Skytrax.

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