

Air Canada Reports May Load Factor

MONTREAL, June 6, 2012 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of May, AirCanada reported a system load factor of 81.6 per cent, versus 82.2 per cent in May 2011, a decrease of 0.6 percentage points. System traffic increased 1.8 per cent on a system-wide capacity increase of 2.5 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 May, Air Canada reported a system load factor of 81.6 per cent. Led by increases in traffic in our Pacific and Atlantic markets of 6.1 and 5.0 per cent, respectively, we generated system wide traffic growth of 1.8 per cent," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "I want to thank our employees for their focus on taking care of our customers and for safely transporting them to their destinations."

		May			Year-To-Date		
		2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Traffic (RPMs mln)		4,527	4,448	+1.8%	21,835	21,121	+3.4%
Capacity (ASMs mln)		5,546	5,411	+2.5%	27,143	26,541	+2.3%
Load Factor		81.6%	82.2%	-0.6 pts	80.4%	79.6%	+0.8 pts
Canada	RPMs	1,364	1,352	+0.9%	6,131	5,949	+3.1%
	ASMs	1,742	1,698	+2.6%	7,613	7,455	+2.1%
	LF	78.3%	79.6%	-1.3pts	80.5%	79.8%	+0.7 pts
US Transborder	RPMs	634	642	-1.2%	3,961	3,818	+3.7%
	ASMs	845	817	+3.4%	5,082	4,887	+4.0%
	LF	75.0%	78.6%	-3.6 pts	77.9%	78.1%	-0.2 pts
Atlantic	RPMs	1,219	1,161	+5.0%	4,670	4,481	+4.2%
	ASMs	1,450	1,415	+2.5%	6,015	5,902	+1.9%
	LF	84.1%	82.0%	+2.1 pts	77.6%	75.9%	+1.7 pts
Pacific	RPMs	903	851	+6.1%	3,985	3,816	+4.4%
	ASMs	1,007	944	+6.7%	4,643	4,501	+3.2%
	LF	89.7%	90.1%	-0.4 pts	85.8%	84.8%	+1.0 pts
Other*	RPMs	407	442	-7.9%	3,088	3,057	+1.0%
	ASMs	502	537	-6.5%	3,790	3,796	-0.2%
	LF	81.1%	82.3%	-1.2 pts	81.5%	80.5%	+1.0 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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