

Air Canada Reports July Load Factor

MONTREAL, Aug. 7, 2012 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of July, AirCanada reported a system load factor of 85.9 per cent, versus 86.4 per cent in July 2011, a decrease of 0.5 percentage points. System traffic decreased 1.1 per cent on a system-wide capacity decrease of 0.5 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 July, Air Canada reported a load factor of 85.9 per cent," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "This result is close to last year's record load factor for the same month and underscores our continued disciplined approach to managing capacity. I thank our employees for taking care of customers while transporting them safely to their destinations during this busy travel period marked by challenging weather conditions."

		July			Year-To-Date		
		2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Traffic (RPMs mln)		5,546	5,607	-1.1%	32,360	31,639	+2.3%
Capacity (ASMs mln)		6,454	6,489	-0.5%	39,404	38,860	+1.4%
Load Factor		85.9%	86.4%	-0.5 pts	82.1%	81.4%	+0.7 pts
Canada	RPMs	1,711	1,692	+1.1%	9,299	9,083	+2.4%
	ASMs	2,037	2,035	+0.1%	11,413	11,272	+1.3%
	LF	84.0%	83.1%	+0.9 pts	81.5%	80.6%	+0.9 pts
US Transborder	RPMs	763	768	-0.7%	5,405	5,255	+2.9%
	ASMs	952	946	+0.6%	6,894	6,680	+3.2%
	LF	80.1%	81.2%	-1.1 pts	78.4%	78.7%	-0.3 pts
Atlantic	RPMs	1,645	1,720	-4.4%	7,853	7,702	+2.0%
	ASMs	1,879	1,922	-2.2%	9,618	9,564	+0.6%
	LF	87.5%	89.5%	-2.0 pts	81.6%	80.5%	+1.1 pts
Pacific	RPMs	924	928	-0.4%	5,801	5,628	+3.1%
	ASMs	1,010	1,018	-0.8%	6,612	6,475	+2.1%
	LF	91.5%	91.2%	+0.3 pts	87.7%	86.9%	+0.8 pts
Other*	RPMs	503	499	+0.8%	4,002	3,971	+0.8%
	ASMs	576	568	+1.4%	4,867	4,869	0%
	LF	87.3%	87.9%	-0.6 pts	82.2%	81.6%	+0.6 pts

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

Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international airline serving more than 175 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 59 Canadian cities, 56 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 1,356 destinations in 193 countries. In 2012, 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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