

Air Canada Reports Record August Load Factor

MONTREAL, Sept. 6, 2012 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of August, Air Canada reported a record system load factor of 87.9 per cent, versus 87.8 per cent in August 2011, an increase of 0.1 percentage points. System traffic increased 0.7 per cent on a system-wide capacity increase of 0.6 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 August, Air Canada reported an all-time record load factor of 87.9 per cent," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "This record load factor result for the month underscores our disciplined capacity management and our industry-leading product that continues to earn our customers' loyalty. Led by increases in traffic in the Australia, Caribbean, Mexico and Central and South America markets of 7.9 per cent overall, and the domestic Canada market of 3 per cent, we generated system wide traffic growth of 0.7 per cent on a capacity increase of 0.6 per cent. I thank our employees for their hard work taking care of customers while transporting them safely to their destinations during this peak travel period of the year."

		August			Year-To-Date		
		2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Traffic (RPMs mln)		5,727	5,685	+0.7%	38,087	37,324	+2.0%
Capacity (ASMs mln)		6,513	6,473	+0.6%	45,917	45,333	+1.3%
Load Factor		87.9%	87.8%	+0.1 pts	82.9%	82.3%	+0.6 pts
Canada	RPMs	1,816	1,763	+3.0%	11,115	10,846	+2.5%
	ASMs	2,077	2,046	+1.5%	13,490	13,319	+1.3%
	LF	87.4%	86.2%	+1.2 pts	82.4%	81.4%	+1.0 pts
US Transborder	RPMs	794	781	+1.7%	6,199	6,036	+2.7%
	ASMs	961	951	+1.1%	7,855	7,631	+2.9%
	LF	82.6%	82.1%	+0.5 pts	78.9%	79.1%	-0.2 pts
Atlantic	RPMs	1,664	1,729	-3.8%	9,517	9,431	+0.9%
	ASMs	1,881	1,921	-2.1%	11,499	11,485	+0.1%
	LF	88.5%	90.0%	-1.5 pts	82.8%	82.1%	+0.7 pts
Pacific	RPMs	950	946	+0.4%	6,751	6,574	+2.7%
	ASMs	1,019	1,016	+0.3%	7,631	7,491	+1.9%
	LF	93.2%	93.1%	+0.1 pts	88.5%	87.8%	+0.7 pts
Other*	RPMs	503	466	+7.9%	4,505	4,437	+1.5%
	ASMs	575	539	+6.7%	5,442	5,407	+0.6%
	LF	87.5%	86.5%	+1.0 pts	82.8%	82.1%	+0.7 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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