

Air Canada provides statement on flight AC190

MONTREAL, Jan. 10 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada provides the following statement regarding flight AC190:

"Our focus today has been on those passengers who have been injured in this incident and those other passengers on the aircraft for whom this has been a very stressful experience," said Rob Reid, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "Safety is our first priority at Air Canada and so any incident involving the safety of our passengers and crew is of utmost concern. We will be cooperating fully with The Transportation Safety Board to determine the cause of the incident.

"We are very proud of the Air Canada flight crew of AC190 and our employees on the ground in Calgary for their professional response to this incident. We also commend the various agencies in Calgary who responded to this incident quickly and professionally. Their actions in helping us take care of our passengers is deeply appreciated."

Flight AC190, en route to Toronto from Victoria, was diverted to Calgary where it landed without incident at approximately 08:30 MT (10:30:00 ET) today. The Airbus A319 was carrying 83 passengers and five crew members.

Passengers and crew were immediately met by Air Canada teams and examined by medical personnel. Of the ten individuals transferred to hospital with non-life threatening injuries, at this time seven have now been released. The remaining two passengers and one flight attendant in hospital are in stable condition. Other passengers are continuing their onward travel.

Families and relatives who need information about passengers on flight AC190 may telephone Air Canada at: 1 800 961 7099.

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