

## Air Canada reports December traffic

MONTREAL, Jan. 6 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of December, AirCanada today reported a system load factor of 81.2 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz (from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity), versus 81.7 per cent in December 2008, a decrease of 0.5 percentage points. System traffic increased 3.4 per cent on a capacity increase of 4.0 per cent system wide.

"For the month of December and full year 2009, Air Canada recorded load factors of 81.2 and 80.7 per cent, respectively, on a consolidated basis with Jazz," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "These strong results underscore the effectiveness of our on-going disciplined approach to managing capacity in a difficult economic environment. I am proud of our employees who remained focused on taking care of our customers while maintaining a safe and secure operation during winter storms and the recent implementation of new security measures. It is especially rewarding that their dedication and professionalism have been recognized by our customers who ranked Air Canada as the best North American airline in recent readership surveys conducted by two international business traveler magazines."

In 2009 readership surveys, Global Traveler magazine readers voted Air Canada as the Best Airline in North America and Canada, and Business Traveler magazine readers voted Air Canada as the top airline in North America for Best Flight Attendants, Best In-Flight Services, Best Business Class Service and as Best North American Airline for International Travel.

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CONSOLIDATED (Air Canada Mainline and Jazz)						
December			Q4			
2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change	
Traffic						
(RPMs mln)	3,855	3,729	+3.4%	10,885	10,846	+0.4%
Capacity						
(ASMs mln)	4,748	4,564	+4.0%	13,840	13,570	+2.0%
Load Factor	81.2%	81.7%	-0.5 pts	78.6%	79.9%	-1.3 pts
Canada						
RPMs	1,229	1,217	+1.0%	3,560	3,608	-1.3%
ASMs	1,537	1,501	+2.4%	4,481	4,510	-0.6%
LF	80.0%	81.1%	-1.1 pts	79.4%	80.0%	-0.6 pts
US						
RPMs	627	645	-2.8%	1,680	1,769	-5.0%
Trans- border ASMs	818	829	-1.3%	2,277	2,318	-1.8%
LF	76.7%	77.8%	-1.1 pts	73.8%	76.3%	-2.5 pts
RPMs						
	863	825	+4.6%	2,590	2,529	+2.4%

Atlantic	ASMs	1,024	963	+6.3%	3,318	3,109	+6.7%
	LF	84.3%	85.7%	-1.4 pts	78.1%	81.3%	-3.2 pts
	RPMs	613	530	+15.7%	1,833	1,757	+4.3%
Pacific	ASMs	712	609	+16.9%	2,178	2,045	+6.5%
	LF	86.1%	87.0%	-0.9 pts	84.2%	85.9%	-1.7 pts
	RPMs	523	512	+2.1%	1,222	1,183	+3.3%
Latin Amer & Other	ASMs	657	662	-0.8%	1,586	1,588	-0.1%
	LF	79.6%	77.3%	+2.3 pts	77.0%	74.5%	+2.5 pts

CONSOLIDATED (Air Canada Mainline and Jazz)				
Year-To-Date				
		2009	2008	Change
Traffic (RPMs mln)		47,884	50,512	-5.2%
Capacity (ASMs mln)		59,342	62,062	-4.4%
Load Factor		80.7%	81.4%	-0.7 pts
	RPMs	15,544	16,211	-4.1%
Canada	ASMs	19,451	20,199	-3.7%
	LF	79.9%	80.3%	-0.4 pts
	RPMs	7,206	7,969	-9.6%
US Trans-border	ASMs	9,579	10,375	-7.7%
	LF	75.2%	76.8%	-1.6 pts
	RPMs	12,353	12,430	-0.6%
Atlantic	ASMs	14,845	14,641	+1.4%
	LF	83.2%	84.9%	-1.7 pts
	RPMs	7,513	8,509	-11.7%
Pacific	ASMs	8,812	10,076	-12.5%
	LF	85.3%	84.4%	+0.9 pts
	RPMs	5,268	5,393	-2.3%
Latin Amer & Other	ASMs	6,655	6,771	-1.7%
	LF	79.2%	79.6%	-0.4 pts

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