

Air Canada reports November traffic

MONTREAL, Dec. 3 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of November, AirCanada reported a system load factor of 74.7 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz (from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity), versus 77.6 per cent in November 2008, a decrease of 2.9 percentage points. System traffic decreased 1.2 per cent on a capacity increase of 2.7 per cent system wide.

"In November, Air Canada recorded a load factor of 74.7 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "This result produced in the traditionally slower off-peak travel season is also a reflection of the on-going effects of the weak economy on the industry. As we have previously stated, we do not expect an economic recovery for 12 to 18 months.

"During the month, we made good progress with the implementation of our business plan. Notably, we began the introduction of codeshare services with our new Star Alliance partner, Continental Airlines, to broaden our network and increase our presence in new markets. This week we launched the only daily non-stop service between Montreal and Houston, Continental's main hub providing convenient connections to destinations in the United States, Mexico and Central America. I am extremely grateful for the hard work of our employees who exceeded On-Time Performance objectives for the month, achieving on-time arrivals performance of over 82 per cent for the month of November. Their professionalism and dedication is earning the loyalty of our customers who, among the 25,000 readers of Global Traveler magazine, recently voted Air Canada as the Best Airline in North America and Canada," concluded Mr. Rovinescu.

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CONSOLIDATED (AIR CANADA MAINLINE AND JAZZ)							
November			Year-To-Date				
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change	
Traffic (RPMs mln)	3,180	3,217	-1.2%	44,029	46,790	-5.9%	
Capacity (ASMs mln)	4,257	4,146	+2.7%	54,595	57,509	-5.1%	
Load Factor	74.7%	77.6%	-2.9 pts	80.6%	81.4%	-0.8 pts	

RPMs	1,073	1,110	-3.3%	14,315	14,998	-4.6%	
Canada ASMs	1,381	1,416	-2.5%	17,914	18,703	-4.2%	
LF	77.7%	78.4%	-0.7 pts	79.9%	80.2%	-0.3 pts	

US Trans- border	RPMs	519	548	-5.3%	6,579	7,327	-10.2%
	ASMs	728	734	-0.8%	8,761	9,553	-8.3%

LF	71.3%	74.7%	-3.4 pts	75.1%	76.7%	-1.6 pts	

RPMs	681	697	-2.3%	11,490	11,605	-1.0%	

Atlantic ASMs	998	926	+7.8%	13,821	13,678	+1.0%	

LF	68.2%	75.3%	-7.1 pts	83.1%	84.8%	-1.7 pts	

RPMs	549	502	+9.4%	6,900	7,979	-13.5%	

Pacific ASMs	669	576	+16.1%	8,100	9,467	-14.4%	

LF	82.1%	87.2%	-5.1 pts	85.2%	84.3%	+0.9 pts	

RPMs	358	360	-0.6%	4,745	4,881	-2.8%	

Latin Amer & Other	ASMs	481	494	-2.6%	5,999	6,108	-1.8%

LF	74.4%	72.9%	+1.5 pts	79.1%	79.9%	-0.8 pts	

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