

Air Canada reports September traffic

MONTREAL, Oct. 5 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of September, AirCanada today reported system load factor of 79.7 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz (from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity), versus 79.9 per cent in September 2008, a decrease of 0.2 percentage points. System traffic decreased 2.1 per cent on a capacity reduction of 2.0 per cent system wide.

"In September, Air Canada recorded a load factor of 79.7 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "This result is in line with last year's record-setting load factor for the month and is attributable to our on-going disciplined approach to capacity management. I am particularly pleased to report a strong performance of 83.5 per cent load factor for the third quarter, an increase of one percentage point from the previous year, despite the impact of the weak economy on the industry overall. I commend our employees who exceeded both Customer Satisfaction and On-Time Performance objectives for the month, achieving on-time arrivals performance of 88 per cent, a one percentage point improvement over the same month a year ago."

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CONSOLIDATED (Air Canada Mainline and Jazz)						
September			Q3			
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change
Traffic (RPMs mln)	4,168	4,259	-2.1%	14,153	14,458	-2.1%
Capacity (ASMs mln)	5,227	5,332	-2.0%	16,946	17,515	-3.2%
Load Factor	79.7%	79.9%	-0.2 pts	83.5%	82.5%	+1.0 pts

RPMs	1,337	1,342	-0.4%	4,695	4,661	+0.7%

Canada ASMs	1,712	1,731	-1.1%	5,781	5,869	-1.5%
LF	78.1%	77.5%	+0.6 pts	81.2%	79.4%	+1.8 pts

US Trans- border	516	551	-6.4%	1,770	1,923	-8.0%
ASMs	731	768	-4.8%	2,307	2,527	-8.7%
LF	70.6%	71.7%	-1.1 pts	76.7%	76.1%	+0.6 pts

RPMs	1,295	1,268	+2.1%	4,281	4,044	+5.9%

Atlantic ASMs	1,505	1,417	+6.2%	4,829	4,520	+6.8%
LF	86.0%	89.5%	-3.5 pts	88.7%	89.5%	-0.8 pts

RPMs	702	771	-8.9%	2,288	2,618	-12.6%

Pacific	ASMs	861	982	-12.3%	2,670	3,133	-14.8%
	LF	81.5%	78.5%	+3.0 pts	85.7%	83.6%	+2.1 pts
Latin	RPMs	318	327	-2.8%	1,119	1,212	-7.7%
Amer & Other	ASMs	418	434	-3.7%	1,359	1,466	-7.3%
	LF	76.1%	75.3%	+0.8 pts	82.3%	82.7%	-0.4 pts

Year-To-Date							
2009 2008 Change							
Traffic (RPMs mln)				36,999	39,674		-6.7%
Capacity (ASMs mln)				45,503	48,503		-6.2%
Load Factor				81.3%	81.8%		-0.5 pts
	RPMs			11,984	12,608		-4.9%
Canada	ASMs			14,970	15,695		-4.6%
	LF			80.1%	80.3%		-0.2 pts
	RPMs			5,527	6,204		-10.9%
US Trans-border	ASMs			7,302	8,062		-9.4%
	LF			75.7%	77.0%		-1.3 pts
	RPMs			9,763	9,901		-1.4%
Atlantic	ASMs			11,528	11,533		0.0%
	LF			84.7%	85.8%		-1.1 pts
	RPMs			5,680	6,751		-15.9%
Pacific	ASMs			6,635	8,031		-17.4%
	LF			85.6%	84.1%		+1.5 pts
	RPMs			4,045	4,210		-3.9%
Latin Amer & Other	ASMs			5,068	5,182		-2.2%
	LF			79.8%	81.2%		-1.4 pts

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