

## Air Canada reports February traffic

Mainline passenger load factor of 80% - highest ever for February

MONTREAL, March 6 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada and its regional partner Jazz reported a combined system load factor of 79.6 per cent in February 2007, the highest ever for the month and the fifth consecutive month of record system load factors.

The mainline carrier flew 4.5 per cent more revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in February 2007 than in February 2006, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity increased by 2.8 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 80 per cent, compared to 78.7 per cent in February 2006; an increase of 1.3 percentage points.

Jazz, from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity, flew 18.5 per cent more RPMs in February 2007 than in February 2006, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity increased by 13.4 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 75.7 per cent, compared to 72.4 per cent in February 2006; an increase of 3.3 percentage points.

Year over year, system traffic on a consolidated basis for Air Canada and Jazz, rose 5.6 per cent on a capacity increase of 3.7 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 79.6 per cent; an increase of 1.4 percentage points.

"Air Canada achieved a record 80% load factor at the mainline carrier and increased traffic by 5.6 per cent system-wide during the typically slow month of February. Air Canada's innovations, including our simplified fare structure, refurbished interiors and new aircraft, are attracting passengers, and our employees are earning and keeping our customers' loyalty," said Montie Brewer, President and Chief Executive Officer of Air Canada.

This discussion contains certain forward-looking statements, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties. As a result of many factors including acts or potential acts of terrorism, international conflicts, government regulations and government mandated restrictions on operations and pricing, fuel prices, industry restructuring, labour negotiations, the economic environment in general including foreign exchange and interest rates, the airline competitive and pricing environment, industry capacity decisions and new entrants as well as external events, actual results could differ from expected results and the differences could be material.

AIR CANADA							
AIR CANADA MAINLINE (Includes Jetz)							
		FEBRUARY			YEAR-TO-DATE		
		2007	2006	Change	2007	2006	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)		3,279	3,139	+4.5%	6,875	6,639	+3.6%
Capacity (ASMs millions)		4,099	3,988	+2.8%	8,670	8,471	+2.3%
Load Factor		80.0%	78.7%	+1.3 pts	79.3%	78.4%	+0.9 pts
Canada	RPMs	871	829	+5.1%	1,791	1,703	+5.2%
	ASMs	1,041	1,041	0.0%	2,207	2,192	+0.7%
	Load Factor	83.7%	79.6%	+4.1 pts	81.2%	77.7%	+3.5 pts
U.S.	RPMs	666	640	+4.1%	1,370	1,302	+5.2%
	ASMs	852	788	+8.1%	1,808	1,648	+9.7%
	Load Factor	78.2%	81.2%	-3.0 pts	75.8%	79.0%	-3.2 pts
Atlantic	RPMs	695	670	+3.7%	1,494	1,445	+3.4%
	ASMs	894	874	+2.3%	1,892	1,856	+1.9%
	Load Factor	77.7%	76.7%	+1.0 pts	79.0%	77.9%	+1.1 pts
Pacific	RPMs	574	541	+6.1%	1,224	1,198	+2.2%
	ASMs	705	684	+3.1%	1,499	1,480	+1.3%

	Load Factor	81.4%	79.1%	+2.3 pts	81.7%	80.9%	+0.8 pts
Latin America & Other	RPMs	473	459	+3.1%	996	991	+0.5%
	ASMs	607	601	+1.0%	1,264	1,295	-2.4%
	Load Factor	77.9%	76.4%	+1.5 pts	78.8%	76.5%	+2.3 pts
AIR CANADA JAZZ							
AIR CANADA'S REGIONAL CAPACITY PROVIDER (Jazz)							
		FEBRUARY			YEAR-TO-DATE		
		2007	2006	Change	2007	2006	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)		314	265	+18.5%	623	524	+18.9%
Capacity (ASMs millions)		415	366	+13.4%	860	757	+13.6%
Load Factor		75.7%	72.4%	+3.3 pts	72.4%	69.2%	+3.2 pts
Canada	RPMs	234	201	+16.4%	464	399	+16.3%
	ASMs	296	267	+10.9%	613	557	+10.1%
	Load Factor	79.1%	75.3%	+3.8 pts	75.7%	71.6%	+4.1 pts
U.S.							
Transborder	RPMs	80	64	+25.0%	159	125	+27.2%
	ASMs	119	99	+20.2%	247	200	+23.5%
	Load Factor	67.2%	64.6%	+2.6 pts	64.4%	62.5%	+1.9 pts
AIR CANADA & AIR CANADA JAZZ							
COMBINED (AIR CANADA MAINLINE AND JAZZ)							
		FEBRUARY			YEAR-TO-DATE		
		2007	2006	Change	2007	2006	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)		3,593	3,404	+5.6%	7,498	7,163	+4.7%
Capacity (ASMs millions)		4,514	4,354	+3.7%	9,530	9,228	+3.3%
Load Factor		79.6%	78.2%	+1.4 pts	78.7%	77.6%	+1.1 pts
Canada	RPMs	1,105	1,030	+7.3%	2,255	2,102	+7.3%
	ASMs	1,337	1,308	+2.2%	2,820	2,749	+2.6%
	Load Factor	82.6%	78.7%	+3.9 pts	80.0%	76.5%	+3.5 pts
U.S.							
Transborder	RPMs	746	704	+6.0%	1,529	1,427	+7.1%
	ASMs	971	887	+9.5%	2,055	1,848	+11.2%
	Load Factor	76.8%	79.4%	-2.6pts	74.4%	77.2%	-2.8pts
International	RPMs	1,742	1,670	+4.3%	3,714	3,634	+2.2%
	ASMs	2,206	2,159	+2.2%	4,655	4,631	+0.5%
	Load Factor	79.0%	77.4%	+1.6 pts	79.8%	78.5%	+1.3 pts

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