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Air Canada launches non-stop seasonal service between St. John's, NL and London, U. K., with daily flights during summer peak travel

MONTREAL, April 1 /CNW Telbec/ - The departure today of Air Canada flight AC 830 marks the return of seasonal non-stop service between St. John's, NL and London, U.K. until the end of October 2007.

Air Canada's service to London will operate three times weekly on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday in April 2007, increasing to five times a week in June 2007, and to daily service from July 1, 2007 through the end of September 2007. Air Canada flight AC830 will leave St. John's at 12:55, arriving in London at 21:25, and flight AC831 will leave London at 22:40 arriving in St. John's at 00:45.

"Air Canada's new non-stop service between St. John's and London-Heathrow offers travellers the convenience of daily non-stop service to London in time for summer peak travel," said Daniel Shurz, Vice President, Network Planning, Air Canada. 'We believe the people of Newfoundland and Labrador will value this direct link to the U.K., the fastest and most convenient way of travelling to London and making global connections beyond."

"Air Canada is a longtime partner of ours and a major service provider here at St. John's International Airport. I'm very pleased to welcome their new seasonal service on the St. John's to London route, a route they have served for so many years," said Keith Collins, President and CEO, St. John's International Airport Authority. "There has never been a better opportunity for air travelers in the St. John's area, or indeed the province, to visit Europe than this spring and summer."

This schedule also offers the convenience of daylight connecting service between Halifax and London, and from June 1, between Montreal and London, providing options to the existing nonstop services from these cities.

The carrier will operate the route using newly refurbished 120-seat Airbus A319 aircraft in a two-cabin configuration offering a choice of Executive Class and Economy service. The A319 jets to be deployed on this route feature Air Canada's new personal entertainment system currently being introduced fleet-wide with 8.9-inch wide digital in-seat monitors and touch-screen controls offering 50 hours of audio and 80 hours video on demand programming at every seat. Other features include Air Canada's new seating and cabin design with in-seat power within reach of every customer.

From Newfoundland and Labrador, Air Canada and Air Canada Jazz offer more than 159 scheduled flights each week to 9 destinations across Canada, more than any other carrier.

Air Canada provides scheduled and charter air transportation for passengers and cargo to more than 150 destinations on five continents. Canada's flag carrier is the 14th largest commercial airline in the world and serves more than 30 million customers annually with a fleet consisting of 335 aircraft. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance providing the world's most comprehensive air transportation network.

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