

AIR CANADA REPORTS RECORD SEPTEMBER LOAD FACTOR

MONTREAL, Oct. 5 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of September, AirCanada reported a record system load factor of 82.2 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz (from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity), versus 79.7 per cent in September 2009, an increase of 2.5 percentage points. System traffic increased 11.7 per cent on a system wide capacity increase of 8.4 per cent.

"I am very pleased to report a record load factor of 82.2 per cent for the month of September, on a consolidated basis with Jazz," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "These record load factor results are attributable to our commitment to deliver an award-winning product and to an increased utilization of our existing fleet as we pursue strategic opportunities in international markets. Led by over 21 per cent traffic growth in the Pacific, we recorded an increase in traffic in all markets - our tenth consecutive month of year-over-year traffic increases - for a system wide traffic increase of 11.7 per cent. I want to thank all our employees, throughout the company, for delivering on our service commitment to customers and meeting once again our Customer Satisfaction Objectives for the month."

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CONSOLIDATED (AIR CANADA MAINLINE AND JAZZ)							
SEPTEMBER				Q3			
	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change	
Traffic (RPMs mln)	4,657	4,168	+11.7%	15,530	14,153	+9.7%	
Capacity (ASMs mln)	5,667	5,227	+8.4%	18,329	16,946	+8.2%	
Load Factor	82.2%	79.7%	+2.5 pts	84.7%	83.5%	+1.2 pts	
RPMs	1,386	1,337	+3.7%	4,773	4,695	+1.7%	
Canada ASMs	1,740	1,712	+1.6%	5,825	5,781	+0.8%	
LF	79.7%	78.1%	+1.6 pts	81.9%	81.2%	+0.7 pts	
US Trans- border	RPMs 566	516	+9.7%	1,997	1,770	+12.8%	
	ASMs 807	731	+10.4%	2,613	2,307	+13.3%	
LF	70.1%	70.6%	-0.5 pts	76.4%	76.7%	-0.3 pts	
Atlantic	RPMs 1,483	1,295	+14.5%	4,807	4,281	+12.3%	
	ASMs 1,699	1,505	+12.9%	5,424	4,829	+12.3%	
LF	87.3%	86.0%	+1.3 pts	88.6%	88.7%	-0.1 pts	

	RPMs	853	702	+21.5%	2,679	2,288	+17.1%
Pacific	ASMs	963	861	+11.8%	2,961	2,670	+10.9%
	LF	88.6%	81.5%	+7.1 pts	90.5%	85.7%	+4.8 pts
Latin	RPMs	369	318	+16.0%	1,274	1,119	+13.9%
Amer	ASMs	458	418	+9.6%	1,506	1,359	+10.8%
& Other	LF	80.6%	76.1%	+4.5 pts	84.6%	82.3%	+2.3 pts

YEAR-TO-DATE							
		2010	2009	Change			
Traffic (RPMs mln)		40,119	36,999	+8.4%			
Capacity (ASMs mln)		48,578	45,503	+6.8%			
Load Factor		82.6%	81.3%	+1.3 pts			
	RPMs	12,203	11,984	+1.8%			
Canada	ASMs	15,114	14,970	+1.0%			
	LF	80.7%	80.1%	+0.6 pts			
US	RPMs	5,998	5,527	+8.5%			
Trans- border	ASMs	7,853	7,302	+7.5%			
	LF	76.4%	75.7%	+0.7 pts			
	RPMs	10,521	9,763	+7.8%			
Atlantic	ASMs	12,395	11,528	+7.5%			
	LF	84.9%	84.7%	+0.2 pts			
	RPMs	6,936	5,680	+22.1%			
Pacific	ASMs	7,759	6,635	+16.9%			
	LF	89.4%	85.6%	+3.8 pts			
Latin	RPMs	4,461	4,045	+10.3%			
Amer	ASMs	5,457	5,068	+7.7%			
& Other	LF	81.7%	79.8%	+1.9 pts			

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