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AIR CANADA REPORTS FEBRUARY TRAFFIC

MONTREAL, March 4 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of February, Air Canada reported a system load factor of 75.9 per cent, versus 78.4 per cent in February 2010, a decrease of 2.5 percentage points. System traffic increased 3.7 per cent on a system-wide capacity increase of 7.1 per cent. Air Canada reports traffic results on a system-wide basis, including regional airlines from which Air Canada purchases capacity.

"For the month of February, Air Canada reported a system load factor of 75.9 per cent. We experienced continued traffic increases in the key transborder and Pacific markets and overall traffic growth system-wide. Comparisons to last year are challenging due to the impact of the Vancouver Winter Olympic Games in 2010," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "I want to thank our employees for their ongoing hard work and dedication in safely transporting customers to their destinations, particularly given the challenging winter weather we have faced this year."

In 2010 readership surveys, Global Traveler magazine readers voted Air Canada Best Airline in North America, and Business Traveler magazine readers voted Air Canada as the top airline in North America for Best Flight Attendants, Best In-Flight Services, Best Business Class Service, Best North American Airline for International Travel, as well as for Best Airline Web Site.

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		FEBRUARY			YEAR-TO-DATE			
		2011	2010	Change	2011	2010	Change	
Traffic (RPMs mln)		3,729	3,595	+3.7%	7,944	7,458	+6.5%	
Capacity (ASMs mln)		4,910	4,586	+7.1%	10,313	9,572	+7.7%	
Load Factor		75.9%	78.4%	-2.5 pts	77.0%	77.9%	-0.9 pts	
	RPMs	1,063	1,083	-1.8%	2,196	2,197	0.0%	
Canada	ASMs							
		1,338	1,390	-3.7%	2,819	2,868	-1.7%	
	LF	79.4%	77.9%	+1.5	77.9%	76.6%	+1.3	
				pts			pts	
	RPMs	739	661	+11.8%	1,494	1,343	+11.2%	
US Transborder	ASMs							
		947	846	+11.9%	1,961	1,774	+10.5%	
	LF	78.0%	78.1%	-0.1 pts	76.2%	75.7%	+0.5 pts	
	RPMs	637	666	-4.4%	1,425	1,424	+0.1%	
Atlantic	ASMs							

I		997	937	+6.4%	2,084	1,958	+6.4%
	LF	63.9%	71.1%	-7.2 pts	68.4%	72.7%	-4.3 pts
	RPMs	639	582	+9.8%	1,436	1,202	+19.5%
Pacific	ASMs						
		815	679	+20.0%	1,726	1,404	+22.9%
	LF	78.4%	85.7%	-7.3 pts	83.2%	85.6%	-2.4 pts
	RPMs	651	603	+8.0%	1,393	1,292	+7.8%
Latin Amer & Other	ASMs	813	734	+10.8%	1,723	1,568	+9.9%
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	LF	80.1%	82.2%	-2.1 pts	80.8%	82.4%	-1.6 pts

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