

SKYWEST AIRLINES LTD
("Skywest" or "the Company")

DECEMBER 2008 AIRLINE PASSENGER OPERATING STATISTICS

Charter Services Increase by 112%

Skywest, the Australian and South East Asia regional airline, is pleased to announce airline network operating statistics for the month of December 2008, showing a 112.40% increase in scheduled charter services compared with the prior year.

Following the acquisition of additional aircraft to satisfy its charter service contracts, Skywest is able to sell a larger number of seats to paying passengers. This enabled capacity, measured by Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs), to increase by 4.42% relative to the previous year.

Skywest traffic, measured by Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs), increased by 2.51%. Load Factor decreased by 0.98% to 52.79% compared to the previous year - load factor does not include Charter Passengers.

	Month of December		
	December-08	December-07	Change
Passengers Carried ('000s)	26	30	-12.86%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres ('000s)	22,071	21,531	2.51%
Available Seat Kilometres ('000s)	41,811	40,043	4.42%
Load Factor	52.79%	53.77%	-0.98%
Charter Services	257	121	112.40%
Average Aircraft in Fleet	15	10	

	Financial Year-to-Date		
	2008/09	2007/08	Change
Passengers Carried ('000s)	192	197	-2.29%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres ('000s)	169,054	151,844	11.33%
Available Seat Kilometres ('000s)	302,535	256,845	17.79%
Load Factor	55.88%	59.12%	-3.24%
Charter Services	1,228	631	94.61%
Average Aircraft in Fleet	14	10	

Notes:

1. Monthly operating statistics are issued on a preliminary basis and are subject to change. Any adjustments made will flow through to the year to date results
2. Passengers Carried refers to Regular Passenger Transport passengers and therefore excludes charter passengers
3. RPKs refers to the number of paying passengers carried multiplied by the number of kilometres flown
4. ASKs refers to the number of seats available for sale to passengers multiplied by the number of kilometres flown
5. Load factor is RPKs divided by ASKs

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