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

NOVEMBER 2009 AIRLINE PASSENGER OPERATING STATISTICS

Charter Services Increase by 5.48%, Load Factor rises

Skywest, the Australian and South East Asia regional airline, is pleased to announce its network operating statistics for the month of November 2009.

Load Factor increased by 5.28% to 54.50% compared to the previous year.

The Number of Charter Services for the month increased by 5.48% to 231. Regular Passenger Transport Passenger (RPT) numbers decreased by 1.43% over the previous year.

Skywest RPT traffic, measured by Revenue Passenger Kilometres increased by 7.49%, while capacity, measured by Available Seat Kilometres (ASK) decreased by 2.93% over the same period.

Skywest Charter traffic which is measured by Charter ASKs increased by 6.90%.

	Month of November		
	November-09	November-08	Change
RPT Passengers Carried ('000s)	29	30	-1.43%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres ('000s) (RPT)	21,434	19,941	7.49%
Available Seat Kilometres ('000s) (RPT)	39,332	40,517	-2.93%
Load Factor %	54.50%	49.22%	5.28%
Available Seat Kilometres ('000s) (Charter)	53,836	50,361	6.90%
Charter Services	231	219	5.48%
Average Aircraft in Fleet	14	15	

	Financial Year to Date		
	2009/10	2008/09	Change
RPT Passengers Carried ('000s)	154	169	-8.43%

Revenue Passenger Kilometres ('000s)	125,546	137,018	-8.37%
Available Seat Kilometres ('000s)	223,243	255,588	-12.66%
Load Factor %	56.24%	53.61%	2.63%
Available Seat Kilometres ('000s) (Charter)	269,646	221,978	21.47%
Charter Services	1,184	967	22.50%
Average Aircraft in Fleet	14	14	

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 (RPT) 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 public passengers multiplied by the number of kilometres flown
5. Load factor is RPKs divided by ASKs
6. The calculation of load factor does not include "Charter" passengers.

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