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SKYWEST AIRLINES LTD
("Skywest")

APRIL 2010 AIRLINE PASSENGER OPERATING STATISTICS

Skywest, Western Australia's largest regional airline is pleased to announce its network operating statistics for the month of April 2010.

Skywest RPT traffic, measured by Revenue Passenger Kilometres increased by 1.46%, while capacity, measured by Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs) increased by 0.20% over the same period of the previous year. Load Factor decreased by 3.93% to 52.56%. Skywest Charter traffic which is measured by Charter ASKs increased by 5.22%.

On behalf of Skywest, Executive Chairman Jeff Chatfield commented: "Skywest is pleased with the overall performance of the airline. However, as previously stated, the consequences of the actions of government, State and Federal, remain risks to the business of Skywest. It is noted that the Australian Federal Government has proposed the introduction of a new Resource Super Profits Tax ("RSPT") to apply from 1 July 2012. The precise details of how this proposed tax will operate are currently subject to further public consultation with draft exposure legislation potentially released in mid 2011. Due to the uncertainty, Skywest does not believe that it is appropriate to speculate on any impact of the proposed RSPT on its customers and therefore by inference to its own business at this time."

	April 2010	April 2009	Change
RPT Passengers Carried (000s)	31	31	1.46%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000s) (RPT)	25,704	25,652	0.20%
Available Seat Kilometres (000s) (RPT)	48,901	45,411	7.69%
Load Factor %	52.56%	56.49%	-3.93%
Available Seat Kilometres (000s) (Charter)	55,465	52,715	5.22%
Charter Services	242	242	0.00%
Actual Aircraft in Fleet	16	14	

	Financial Year to Date		
	2009/10	2008/09	Change
RPT Passengers Carried ('000s)	294	293	0.10%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres ('000s)	233,749	227,894	2.57%
Available Seat Kilometres ('000s)	431,898	437,686	-1.32%
Load Factor %	54.12%	52.07%	2.05%
Available Seat Kilometres ('000s) (Charter)	538,201	490,789	9.66%

Charter Services	2,354	2,137	10.15%
Actual Aircraft in Fleet	16	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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