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

JULY 2009 AIRLINE PASSENGER OPERATING STATISTICS

Charter Services Increase by 30.16%

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

The Number of Charter Services increased by 30.16% to 246, while passenger numbers for the month decreased by 10.82% when compared to the same period last year.

Skywest traffic, measured by Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs) decreased by 9.94%, while capacity, measured by Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs) decreased by 10.04% over the same period. Load Factor increased by 0.07% to 59.95% compared to the previous year, load factor does not include Charter Passengers.

Skywest Chairman, Jeff Chatfield, comments:

"We are pleased to have stabilized the load factors and have a view that the Australian domestic air travel market is now stabilizing and tending towards a return to growth."

	Month of July		
	July-09	July-08	Change
Passengers Carried ('000s)	32	36	-10.82%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres ('000s)	28,387	31,519	-9.94%
Available Seat Kilometres ('000s)	47,351	52,635	-10.04%
Load Factor %	59.95%	59.88%	0.07%
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	Financial Year-to-Date		
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Separately, Skywest would like to inform shareholders that the Company and its Engineers have entered into an enterprise bargaining program aimed at securing long term predictability for the Company and its employees.

This follows a Protective Action Ballot taken by members of the Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association, which is in favour of disruptive industrial action. The range of potential actions could include overtime bans, work stoppages for up to two days, higher duties bans, stop work meetings and limitations on travel should further negotiations break down.

As such the Company is in the negotiation phase of the process and will attempt to seek resolution of the issues in due course.

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 passengers multiplied by the number of kilometres flown
5. Load factor is RPKs divided by ASKs

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