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SKYWEST AIRLINES LTD

("Skywest" or "the Company")

**July 2010 AIRLINE PASSENGER OPERATING STATISTICS**

Skywest, the Australian and South East Asia regional airline, is pleased to announce its network operating statistics for the month of July 2010.

Skywest RPT Passenger numbers for July increased by 6.56% over the previous year, while Skywest traffic measured by Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs), increased by 4.39%. Load factor also increased by 3.31% to 62.58% compared to the previous year and Charter Traffic, measured by Charter Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs), increased by 9.07%.

Commenting on the operating statistics, Executive Chairman Jeff Chatfield said: "The Charter Available Seat Kilometres have risen 9% as a consequence of the availability of, and cross hire by Skywest, of additional aircraft from VirginBlue. Pursuant to the arrangements with VirginBlue announced on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010, Skywest is utilizing certain VirginBlue aircraft. Skywest is pleased with the outcome of this additional aircraft resource".

Month of July	July 2010	July 2009	Change
RPT Passengers Carried (000s)	34	32	6.56%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000s) (RPT)	29,521	28,279	4.39%
Available Seat Kilometres (000s) (RPT)	47,174	47,716	-1.14%
Load Factor %	62.58%	59.27%	3.31%
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Financial Year to Date	2009/10	2008/09	Change
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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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