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Virgin Blue Holdings Limited - Preliminary Operating Statistics April 2009

SUMMARY OF OPERATING STATISTICS

Domestic and International Operations EXCLUDING Polynesian Blue

Month of April 2009

Domestic passenger numbers for April increased by 3.1% over the previous year. Virgin Blue traffic, measured by Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs) increased by 5.1% while capacity, measured by Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs) increased by 0.9% over the same period. Revenue load factor was up 3.3 points from the previous year.

International passenger numbers for April increased by 62.6% over the previous year. Virgin Blue traffic, measured by Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs) increased by 214.9% while capacity, measured by Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs) increased by 251.1% over the same period. Revenue load factor was down 7.7 points from the previous year.

On time performance was up 6.5 points to 87.3%, compared to 80.8% in the previous year.

Financial Year to Date April 2009

Domestic passenger numbers for the 10 months to April 2009 increased by 5.6% from the previous year. RPKs increased by 5.8%, while ASKs increased by 6.3% over the same period. Revenue load factor for the year to date decreased by 0.4 point to 81.8% compared to the previous year.

International passenger numbers for the 10 months to April 2009 increased by 70.5% from the previous year. RPKs increased by 84.5%, while ASKs increased by 108.2% over the same period. Revenue load factor decreased by 9.1 points to 71.1% compared to the previous year.

On time performance was up 1.5 points to 81.2%, compared to 79.7% in the previous year.

News Summary

Wednesday 1 April 2009 - Air Austral and Virgin Blue have entered into an interline agreement to offer seamless - one ticket - travel on their networks between Australia and France and the Indian Ocean.

Thursday 2 April 2009: South African Airways has announced that it has reached a new agreement with Virgin Blue to offer passengers greater choice, seamless transfers and more value fares to passengers travelling to South Africa through its Sydney and Perth hubs.

Thursday 2 April 2009: Pacific Blue Airlines has appointed Mark Pitt as its new CEO, replacing John Bartlett who has retired from the airline.

Monday 6 April 2009: Townsville has landed a place in Virgin Blue's history books as the first and only destination that has ever had four new flights launched in one day. They include direct flights to four new services from Townsville to Cairns, Canberra, Gold Coast and Rockhampton.

Wednesday 8 April 2009: Less than six weeks after it first took to the skies, Australia's newest International airline, V Australia, today launched its second route, linking Australia's Sunshine State to the US State of California, with the departure of the inaugural service between Brisbane, Australia and Los Angeles, USA.

Monday 27 April 2009: Velocity, the loyalty program of the Virgin Blue Group of Airlines, takes out the Program of The Year award at the annual Freddie Awards in Florida. The program also took out five of the other eight awards up for grabs including Best Award, Best Award Redemption, Best Web Site, Best Member Communications and Best Affinity Credit Card.

Wednesday 29 April 2009: In conjunction with the Gold Coast City Council, Virgin Blue joins provides free return flights between Melbourne and the Gold Coast as part of a respite holiday offer for up to 50 families (up to 200 people) affected by the recent Victorian bushfires.

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VIRGIN BLUE HOLDINGS PRELIMINARY OPERATING STATISTICS

		April 2009			Financial Year to Date (Year ending 30 June 2009)		
		Apr-09	Apr-08	Change	YTD Apr-09	YTD Apr-08	Change
DOMESTIC	Passengers Carried	1,308,379	1,268,789	3.1%	13,608,118	12,884,919	5.6%
	Revenue Passenger Kilometres (millions)	1,416	1,347	5.1%	14,815	14,001	5.8%
	Available Seat Kilometres (millions)	1,751	1,735	0.9%	18,116	17,038	6.3%
	Revenue Load Factor	80.9%	77.6%	3.3 pts	81.8%	82.2%	(0.4pt)
INTERNATIONAL	Passengers Carried	209,388	128,772	62.6%	1,780,189	1,043,930	70.5%
	Revenue Passenger Kilometres (millions)	548	174	214.9%	3,219	1,745	84.5%
	Available Seat Kilometres (millions)	825	235	251.1%	4,526	2,174	108.2%
	Revenue Load Factor	66.5%	74.2%	(7.7pts)	71.1%	80.2%	(9.1pts)
TOTAL NETWORK	Passengers Carried	1,517,767	1,397,561	8.6%	15,388,307	13,928,849	10.5%
	Revenue Passenger Kilometres (millions)	1,965	1,521	29.2%	18,034	15,746	14.5%
	Available Seat Kilometres (millions)	2,576	1,970	30.8%	22,642	19,212	17.9%
	Revenue Load Factor	76.3%	77.2%	(0.9pt)	79.7%	82.0%	(2.3pts)
	Average Aircraft in Fleet	78.9	62.2	26.8%	74.8	57.5	30.1%
	On-Time Performance	87.3%	80.8%	6.5 pts	81.2%	79.7%	1.5 pts

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) RPKs means number of paying passengers carried multiplied by the number of kilometres flown
- (3) ASKs means total number of seats available for passengers multiplied by the number of kilometres flown
- (4) Revenue Load factor means RPKs as a percentage of ASKs
- (5) On-time performance means the percentage of flights departing within 15 minutes of scheduled departure time.