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Delta Air Lines Reports August Traffic

ATLANTA, Sept. 4, 2009 – Delta Air Lines (NYSE: DAL) today reported traffic results for August 2009. System traffic in August 2009, including both Delta and Northwest operations, decreased 2.2 percent compared to August 2008 on a 3.2 percent decrease in capacity, and load factor increased 0.9 points to 86.6 percent.

Domestic traffic decreased 1.3 percent year over year on a 1.3 percent decrease in capacity. Domestic load factor was unchanged at 86.9 percent. International traffic decreased 3.5 percent year over year on a 5.7 percent decrease in capacity, and load factor increased 2.0 points to 86.0 percent.

Detailed traffic and capacity are attached.

Delta Air Lines is the world's No. 1 airline. From its hubs in Atlanta, Cincinnati, Detroit, Memphis, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York-JFK, Salt Lake City, Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Amsterdam and Tokyo-Narita, Delta, its Northwest subsidiary and Delta Connection carriers offer service to 360 destinations in 64 countries and serve more than 170 million passengers each year. Delta's marketing alliances allow customers to earn and redeem either SkyMiles or WorldPerks on more than 16,000 daily flights offered by SkyTeam and other partners. Delta's more than 70,000 employees worldwide are reshaping the aviation industry as the only U.S. airline to offer a full global network. Customers can check in for flights, print boarding passes, check bags and flight status at delta.com.

Delta Air Lines
Monthly Traffic Results [(a)]

	August 2009	August 2008	Change
RPMs (000):			
Domestic	11,136,640	11,283,238	(1.3%)
Mainline	8,803,634	9,012,572	(2.3%)
Regional	2,333,006	2,270,666	2.7%
International	7,591,126	7,868,325	(3.5%)
Latin America	951,068	1,012,394	(6.1%)
Mainline	933,645	973,674	(4.1%)
Regional	17,423	38,720	(55.0%)
Atlantic	4,665,429	4,784,750	(2.5%)
Pacific	1,974,628	2,071,181	(4.7%)
System	18,727,766	19,151,563	(2.2%)
ASMs (000):			
Domestic	12,811,549	12,978,771	(1.3%)
Mainline	9,932,580	10,160,235	(2.2%)
Regional	2,878,969	2,818,536	2.1%
International	8,824,253	9,362,457	(5.7%)
Latin America	1,146,981	1,243,883	(7.8%)
Mainline	1,124,346	1,193,944	(5.8%)
Regional	22,635	49,939	(54.7%)
Atlantic	5,333,166	5,710,668	(6.6%)
Pacific	2,344,107	2,407,907	(2.6%)
System	21,635,802	22,341,229	(3.2%)
Load Factor			
Domestic	86.9%	86.9%	0.0 pts
Mainline	88.6%	88.7%	(0.1) pts
Regional	81.0%	80.6%	0.4 pts
International	86.0%	84.0%	2.0 pts
Latin America	82.9%	81.4%	1.5 pts
Mainline	83.0%	81.6%	1.4 pts
Regional	77.0%	77.5%	(0.5) pts
Atlantic	87.5%	83.8%	3.7 pts
Pacific	84.2%	86.0%	(1.8) pts
System	86.6%	85.7%	0.9 pts
Passengers Boarded	15,137,715	15,484,547	(2.2%)
Mainline Completion Factor	99.4%	99.0%	0.4pts
Cargo Ton Miles (000):			
Mail	7,690	8,974	(14.3%)
Freight	188,140	223,069	(15.7%)
System	195,831	232,043	(15.6%)

Endnote:

[a] Except where noted, results include Delta and Northwest operations, as well as flights operated under contract carrier arrangements, for all periods presented.

Delta Air Lines
Year to Date Traffic Results [(a)]

	August 2009	August 2008	Change
RPMs (000):			
Domestic	80,004,582	85,365,517	(6.3%)
Mainline	62,883,303	68,361,702	(8.0%)
Regional	17,121,279	17,003,816	0.7%
International	50,262,046	54,564,964	(7.9%)
Latin America	8,074,815	8,953,269	(9.8%)
Mainline	7,933,660	8,528,432	(7.0%)
Regional	141,155	424,837	(66.8%)
Atlantic	29,132,674	30,585,888	(4.8%)
Pacific	13,054,558	15,025,808	(13.1%)
System	130,266,628	139,930,482	(6.9%)
ASMs (000):			
Domestic	95,752,518	102,185,310	(6.3%)
Mainline	73,640,693	80,495,988	(8.5%)
Regional	22,111,826	21,689,323	1.9%
International	62,904,895	66,215,903	(5.0%)
Latin America	10,317,983	11,045,467	(6.6%)
Mainline	10,116,820	10,490,684	(3.6%)
Regional	201,163	554,784	(63.7%)
Atlantic	36,436,143	37,623,379	(3.2%)
Pacific	16,150,769	17,547,056	(8.0%)
System	158,657,414	168,401,213	(5.8%)
Load Factor			
Domestic	83.6%	83.5%	0.1 pts
Mainline	85.4%	84.9%	0.5 pts
Regional	77.4%	78.4%	(1.0) pts
International	79.9%	82.4%	(2.5) pts
Latin America	78.3%	81.1%	(2.8) pts
Mainline	78.4%	81.3%	(2.9) pts
Regional	70.2%	76.6%	(6.4) pts
Atlantic	80.0%	81.3%	(1.3) pts
Pacific	80.8%	85.6%	(4.8) pts
System	82.1%	83.1%	(1.0) pts
Passengers Boarded	110,560,433	118,217,591	(6.5%)
Cargo Ton Miles (000):			
Mail	54,529	75,024	(27.3%)
Freight	1,356,520	1,941,288	(30.1%)
System	1,411,049	2,016,311	(30.0%)

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