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Delta Air Lines Reports January Traffic

ATLANTA, Feb. 5, 2009 – Delta Air Lines (NYSE: DAL) today reported January 2009 traffic results for both Delta and Northwest operating units.

Delta

Delta's system traffic in January 2009 decreased 2.2 percent versus January 2008 on a capacity decrease of 1.9 percent. Delta's system load factor decreased 0.3 points to 75.1 percent.

International traffic increased 6.6 percent year over year on an 11.3 percent increase in capacity, and load factor declined 3.2 points. Domestic traffic decreased 6.7 percent year over year on 8.5 percent lower capacity. Domestic load factor increased 1.5 points to 76.4 percent, higher than any previous January on record.

Northwest

Northwest's system traffic in January 2009 decreased 8.2 percent on a capacity decrease of 6.4 percent. Northwest's system load factor decreased 1.5 points to 77.8 percent.

International traffic decreased 5.7 percent year over year on a 2.4 percent decrease in capacity, and load factor declined 2.8 points. Domestic traffic decreased 10.0 percent year over year on a 9.0 percent decrease in capacity, and load factor decreased 0.8 points to 76.8 percent.

Detailed traffic and capacity are attached.

Delta Air Lines is the world's largest airline. From its hubs in Atlanta, Cincinnati, Detroit, Memphis, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York-JFK, Salt Lake City and Tokyo-Narita, Delta, its Northwest subsidiary and Delta Connection carriers offer service to 378 destinations in 66 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.

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Delta
Monthly Traffic Results[(a)]

	January 2009	January 2008	Change
RPMs (000):			
Domestic	5,604,063	6,007,761	(6.7%)
Mainline	4,456,889	4,667,508	(4.5%)
Regional	1,147,174	1,340,253	(14.4%)
International	3,270,476	3,067,903	6.6%
Latin America	978,074	1,000,514	(2.2%)
Mainline	959,678	952,590	0.7%
Regional	18,396	47,924	(61.6%)
Atlantic	2,093,157	1,933,877	8.2%
Pacific	199,245	133,512	49.2%
Total System	8,874,539	9,075,664	(2.2%)
ASMs (000):			
Domestic	7,338,537	8,021,368	(8.5%)
Mainline	5,719,267	6,147,416	(7.0%)
Regional	1,619,270	1,873,952	(13.6%)
International	4,474,019	4,019,555	11.3%
Latin America	1,290,234	1,215,592	6.1%
Mainline	1,263,353	1,151,774	9.7%
Regional	26,881	63,818	(57.9%)
Atlantic	2,938,219	2,638,398	11.4%
Pacific	245,566	165,565	48.3%
Total System	11,812,556	12,040,923	(1.9%)
Load Factor			
Domestic	76.4%	74.9%	1.5 pts
Mainline	77.9%	75.9%	2.0 pts
Regional	70.8%	71.5%	(0.7) pts
International	73.1%	76.3%	(3.2) pts
Latin America	75.8%	82.3%	(6.5) pts
Mainline	76.0%	82.7%	(6.7) pts
Regional	68.4%	75.1%	(6.7) pts
Atlantic	71.2%	73.3%	(2.1) pts
Pacific	81.1%	80.6%	0.5 pts
Total System	75.1%	75.4%	(0.3) pts
Passengers Boarded	7,647,162	8,058,031	(5.1%)
Completion Factor	98.5%	97.2%	1.3pts
Cargo Ton Miles (000):			
Mail	4,631	5,019	(7.7%)
Freight	72,691	83,590	(13.0%)
Total System	77,321	88,609	(12.7%)

Endnote:

[a] Results include operations under contract carrier arrangements.

Northwest
Monthly Traffic Results [a]

	January 2009	January 2008	Change
RPMs (000):			
Domestic	3,265,474	3,626,421	(10.0%)
Mainline	2,603,151	3,131,336	(16.9%)
Regional	662,323	495,085	33.8%
International	2,386,876	2,530,069	(5.7%)
Atlantic	784,830	894,096	(12.2%)
Pacific	1,602,046	1,635,974	(2.1%)
Total System	5,652,350	6,156,490	(8.2%)
ASMs (000):			
Domestic	4,252,348	4,673,095	(9.0%)
Mainline	3,243,110	3,948,694	(17.9%)
Regional	1,009,239	724,402	39.3%
International	3,016,374	3,090,508	(2.4%)
Atlantic	1,102,346	1,185,182	(7.0%)
Pacific	1,914,028	1,905,326	0.5%
Total System	7,268,722	7,763,603	(6.4%)
Load Factor			
Domestic	76.8%	77.6%	(0.8) pts
Mainline	80.3%	79.3%	1.0 pts
Regional	65.6%	68.3%	(2.7) pts
International	79.1%	81.9%	(2.8) pts
Atlantic	71.2%	75.4%	(4.2) pts
Pacific	83.7%	85.9%	(2.2) pts
Total System	77.8%	79.3%	(1.5) pts
Passengers Boarded:	4,522,310	5,029,008	(10.1%)
Completion Factor	97.6%	97.1%	0.5pts
Cargo Ton Miles (000):			
Mail	2,743	4,473	(38.7%)
Freight	69,775	145,047	(51.9%)
Total System	72,518	149,520	(51.5%)

Endnote:
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