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Delta Air Lines Reports September Traffic

ATLANTA, Oct. 6, 2009 – Delta Air Lines (NYSE: DAL) today reported traffic results for September 2009. System traffic in September 2009, including both Delta and Northwest operations, decreased 5.2 percent compared to September 2008 on a 6.7 percent decrease in capacity. Load factor increased 1.4 points to 82.6 percent.

Domestic traffic decreased 3.3 percent year over year on a 3.9 percent decrease in capacity. Domestic load factor increased 0.5 points to 82.0 percent. International traffic decreased 7.8 percent year over year on a 10.5 percent decrease in capacity, and load factor increased 2.5 points to 83.3 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 355 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)]

	September 2009	September 2008	Change
RPMs (000):			
Domestic	8,882,412	9,182,983	(3.3%)
Mainline	6,932,706	7,299,301	(5.0%)
Regional	1,949,706	1,883,682	3.5%
International	6,243,450	6,769,898	(7.8%)
Latin America	610,099	607,456	0.4%
Mainline	598,918	587,783	1.9%
Regional	11,181	19,674	(43.2%)
Atlantic	3,979,561	4,309,783	(7.7%)
Pacific	1,653,790	1,852,658	(10.7%)
System	15,125,862	15,952,881	(5.2%)
ASMs (000):			
Domestic	10,825,624	11,263,058	(3.9%)
Mainline	8,317,017	8,750,971	(5.0%)
Regional	2,508,607	2,512,087	(0.1%)
International	7,495,798	8,373,484	(10.5%)
Latin America	810,694	819,012	(1.0%)
Mainline	794,228	791,028	0.4%
Regional	16,466	27,983	(41.2%)
Atlantic	4,653,424	5,330,472	(12.7%)
Pacific	2,031,680	2,224,001	(8.6%)
System	18,321,422	19,636,543	(6.7%)
Load Factor			
Domestic	82.0%	81.5%	0.5 pts
Mainline	83.4%	83.4%	0.0 pts
Regional	77.7%	75.0%	2.7 pts
International	83.3%	80.8%	2.5 pts
Latin America	75.3%	74.2%	1.1 pts
Mainline	75.4%	74.3%	1.1 pts
Regional	67.9%	70.3%	(2.4) pts
Atlantic	85.5%	80.9%	4.6 pts
Pacific	81.4%	83.3%	(1.9) pts
System	82.6%	81.2%	1.4 pts
Passengers Boarded	12,541,489	13,059,830	(4.0%)
Mainline Completion Factor	99.5%	99.2%	0.3pts
Cargo Ton Miles (000):			
Mail	7,257	8,934	(18.8%)
Freight	200,084	217,710	(8.1%)
System	207,341	226,644	(8.5%)

Endnote:
[a] 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)]

	September 2009	September 2008	Change
RPMs (000):			
Domestic	88,887,063	94,548,500	(6.0%)
Mainline	69,816,078	75,661,003	(7.7%)
Regional	19,070,985	18,887,497	1.0%
International	56,505,497	61,334,862	(7.9%)
Latin America	8,684,914	9,560,725	(9.2%)
Mainline	8,532,578	9,116,214	(6.4%)
Regional	152,336	444,510	(65.7%)
Atlantic	33,112,234	34,895,671	(5.1%)
Pacific	14,708,348	16,878,466	(12.9%)
System	145,392,560	155,883,363	(6.7%)
ASMs (000):			
Domestic	106,578,220	113,448,369	(6.1%)
Mainline	81,957,788	89,246,959	(8.2%)
Regional	24,620,432	24,201,410	1.7%
International	70,400,693	74,589,387	(5.6%)
Latin America	11,128,676	11,864,479	(6.2%)
Mainline	10,911,048	11,281,712	(3.3%)
Regional	217,628	582,767	(62.7%)
Atlantic	41,089,567	42,953,851	(4.3%)
Pacific	18,182,449	19,771,057	(8.0%)
System	176,978,913	188,037,756	(5.9%)
Load Factor			
Domestic	83.4%	83.3%	0.1 pts
Mainline	85.2%	84.8%	0.4 pts
Regional	77.5%	78.0%	(0.5) pts
International	80.3%	82.2%	(1.9) pts
Latin America	78.0%	80.6%	(2.6) pts
Mainline	78.2%	80.8%	(2.6) pts
Regional	70.0%	76.3%	(6.3) pts
Atlantic	80.6%	81.2%	(0.6) pts
Pacific	80.9%	85.4%	(4.5) pts
System	82.2%	82.9%	(0.7) pts
Passengers Boarded	123,102,054	131,277,421	(6.2%)
Cargo Ton Miles (000):			
Mail	61,786	83,958	(26.4%)
Freight	1,556,604	2,158,998	(27.9%)
System	1,618,390	2,242,956	(27.8%)

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