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Delta Reports Operating Performance for December 2017

ATLANTA, Jan. 3, 2018 – Delta Air Lines (NYSE: DAL) today reported operating performance for December 2017. The company carried 14.4 million passengers across our broad global network in the month.

Monthly highlights include:

- Ordering 100 state-of-the-art Airbus 321neo aircraft with deliveries beginning in 2020 and a long-term commitment with Pratt & Whitney for Delta TechOps to be a major maintenance, repair and overhaul provider for the PW1100G and PW1500G engines, powering Delta's A321neo and C Series aircraft;
- Being named the transportation industry leader and one of America's Most JUST Companies by Forbes and JUST Capital, a ranking of social and corporate responsibility;
- Ranking as the top airline and No. 17 on the list of 50 large companies on Glassdoor Employees' Choice Awards, a list of the Best Places to Work in 2018; and
- Retiring the Boeing 747-400 fleet from scheduled service, one of the most iconic recognizable aircraft and the final retirement by a U.S. air carrier.

The company's operating performance is detailed in the table below.

Delta Air Lines serves more than 180 million customers each year. In 2017, Delta was named to Fortune's top 50 Most Admired Companies in addition to being named the most admired airline for the sixth time in seven years. Additionally, Delta has ranked No.1 in the Business Travel News Annual Airline survey for an unprecedented seven consecutive years. With an industry-leading global network, Delta and the Delta Connection carriers offer service to 314 destinations in 54 countries on six continents. Headquartered in Atlanta, Delta employs more than 80,000 employees worldwide and operates a mainline fleet of more than 800 aircraft. The airline is a founding member of the SkyTeam global alliance and participates in the industry's leading transatlantic joint venture with Air France-KLM and Alitalia as well as a joint venture with Virgin Atlantic. Including its worldwide alliance partners, Delta offers customers more than 15,000 daily flights, with key hubs and markets including Amsterdam, Atlanta, Boston, Detroit, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Minneapolis/St. Paul, New York-JFK and LaGuardia, London-Heathrow, Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Salt Lake City, São Paulo, Seattle, Seoul, and Tokyo-Narita. Delta has invested billions of dollars in airport facilities, global products and services, and technology to enhance the customer experience in the air and on the ground. Additional information is available on the Delta News Hub, as well as delta.com, Twitter @DeltaNewsHub, Google.com/+Delta, and Facebook.com/delta.

	Monthly Traffic Results (a)			Year to Date Traffic Results (a)		
	Dec 2017	Dec 2016	Change	Dec 2017	Dec 2016	Change
RPMs (000):						
Domestic	10,633,635	10,636,873	(0.0%)	134,921,847	130,788,448	3.2%
Delta Mainline	8,986,334	8,870,856	1.3%	114,448,592	109,951,588	4.1%
Regional	1,647,301	1,766,017	(6.7%)	20,473,255	20,836,860	(1.7%)
International	6,094,189	6,163,170	(1.1%)	82,790,546	82,308,707	0.6%
Latin America	1,713,087	1,838,657	(6.8%)	20,407,827	19,789,825	3.1%
Delta Mainline	1,694,662	1,796,942	(5.7%)	20,040,661	19,243,525	4.1%
Regional	18,425	41,715	(55.8%)	367,166	546,300	(32.8%)
Atlantic	2,706,569	2,655,653	1.9%	41,641,403	39,738,261	4.8%
Pacific	1,674,532	1,668,860	0.3%	20,741,317	22,780,621	(9.0%)
Total System	16,727,824	16,800,043	(0.4%)	217,712,393	213,097,155	2.2%
ASMs (000):						
Domestic	12,650,910	12,385,749	2.1%	157,415,614	153,349,383	2.7%
Delta Mainline	10,588,815	10,235,779	3.4%	131,964,074	127,439,343	3.6%
Regional	2,062,095	2,149,970	(4.1%)	25,451,540	25,910,040	(1.8%)
International	7,217,153	7,312,211	(1.3%)	96,909,500	98,518,013	(1.6%)
Latin America	2,028,230	2,183,735	(7.1%)	23,535,460	23,308,279	1.0%
Delta Mainline	2,005,209	2,129,334	(5.8%)	23,068,443	22,619,070	2.0%
Regional	23,020	54,401	(57.7%)	467,017	689,209	(32.2%)
Atlantic	3,269,977	3,201,704	2.1%	49,398,455	49,239,642	0.3%
Pacific	1,918,947	1,926,772	(0.4%)	23,975,585	25,970,092	(7.7%)
Total System	19,868,064	19,697,960	0.9%	254,325,114	251,867,396	1.0%
Load Factor:						
Domestic	84.1%	85.9%	(1.8) Pts	85.7%	85.3%	0.4 Pts
Delta Mainline	84.9%	86.7%	(1.8) Pts	86.7%	86.3%	0.4 Pts
Regional	79.9%	82.1%	(2.2) Pts	80.4%	80.4%	0.0 Pts
International	84.4%	84.3%	0.1 Pts	85.4%	83.5%	1.9 Pts
Latin America	84.5%	84.2%	0.3 Pts	86.7%	84.9%	1.8 Pts
Delta Mainline	84.5%	84.4%	0.1 Pts	86.9%	85.1%	1.8 Pts
Regional	80.0%	76.7%	3.3 Pts	78.6%	79.3%	(0.7) Pts
Atlantic	82.8%	82.9%	(0.1) Pts	84.3%	80.7%	3.6 Pts
Pacific	87.3%	86.6%	0.7 Pts	86.5%	87.7%	(1.2) Pts
Total System	84.2%	85.3%	(1.1) Pts	85.6%	84.6%	1.0 Pts
Mainline Completion Factor	97.3%	99.8%	(2.5) Pts			
Mainline On-time Performance (preliminary DOT A14)	83.5%	81.4%	2.1 Pts			
Passengers Boarded	14,373,041	14,662,236	(2.0%)	186,389,862	183,749,650	1.4%
Cargo Ton Miles (000):	174,782	165,079	5.9%	2,150,842	1,979,629	8.6%

[a] Results include flights operated under contract carrier arrangements