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**RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND
PRELIMINARY* MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS**

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Recent Developments

Qantas and the Australian Tourist Commission (ATC) signed a three-year Co-operative Global Marketing Agreement, renewing their joint and continuing commitment to promote Australia in key international markets around the world. The agreement covers inbound marketing, the Visiting Journalist Program - which fosters visits to Australia by overseas travel media - together with trade promotion and other forms of co-operation.

Qantas will enter into a number of new codeshare agreements in late October and early November. These include services to Hamburg and Berlin under a codeshare agreement with British Airways, services between Los Angeles and Las Vegas under a codeshare agreement with American Airlines and services between Australia and Samoa under a codeshare agreement with Polynesian Airlines.

The latest new Boeing 747-400 to join the Qantas fleet, VH-OJS is undergoing cabin modifications at Avalon, prior to going into service later this month.

Qantas and British Airways announced their intention to combine some of their commercial operations in Hong Kong from April next year. The joint operation will bring together telephone sales, ticketing and marketing, providing a one stop shop and greater efficiencies for Qantas and British Airways.

Total group operations	Month			Financial Year to Date		
	1999/00	1998/99	Change	1999/00	1998/99	Change
Passengers carried ('000) **	1,726	1,612	7.1%	3,447	3,261	5.7%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (m)	5,364	4,984	7.6%	10,800	10,119	6.7%
Available Seat Kilometres (m)	7,062	6,934	1.8%	14,125	13,879	1.8%
Revenue Seat Factor (%)	76.0	71.9	4.1 pts	76.5	72.9	3.6 pts

Group Operations

Group (international, domestic and regional) passenger numbers increased by 7.1 percent compared to the same month last year. Total RPKs and ASKs for August increased by 7.6 percent and 1.8 percent respectively, resulting in a revenue seat factor of 76.0 percent, 4.1 percentage points higher than the previous year. For the year to date, passenger numbers increased by 5.7 percent from the previous year. RPKs and ASKs were up 6.7 percent and 1.8 percent respectively, resulting in a revenue seat factor of 76.5 percent, 3.6 percentage points higher than the previous year.

Notes

* Any adjustments to preliminary statistics will be included in the year-to-date results next month.

** The number of passengers carried is calculated on the basis of origin/destination (ie. one origin/destination journey represents one passenger regardless of the number of stage lengths undertaken). Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sum of the components of items and the total, and in percentage changes which are derived from figures prior to rounding.

Key

(m) Millions

RPKs: The number of paying passengers carried, multiplied by the number of kilometres flown

ASKs: The number of seats available for sale, multiplied by the number of kilometres flown