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QUEENSLAND AIRPORTS LIMITED - RECORD PASSENGER MOVEMENTS FOR JULY

The three airports owned and operated by Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) at Townsville, Mount Isa and Gold Coast in aggregate have recorded the highest monthly passenger movements ever for the Group.

The passenger movements for the QAL Group for July 2009 were 580,539. The previous highest month recorded for the Group was in January 2009 with 577,708 passenger movements.

“The diversification of our airport and market portfolios has assisted the QAL Group to sustain growth through a very challenging period,” QAL Managing Director Dennis Chant said.

“Whilst Gold Coast domestic traffic was down 2% on the back of a seat capacity reduction of 7%, the 90% increase in international traffic resulted in the airport achieving its second best monthly throughput ever.

“Our airline partners have supported increased services through Townsville with a resulting all time monthly record being achieved through that port.

“Our airports do not, however, take continued growth for granted. We work continuously with our airlines and our regional partners to ensure that together we can sustain a high level of service during difficult times,” Mr Chant said.

July 2009 saw a record set for Townsville Airport with 151,176 passenger movements. The previous highest number of passengers was 142,442 movements in a month, recorded in July 2008.

“Certainly large scale events such as the V8 supercars have helped generate more visitors to the region, combined with our continued mix of business and leisure traveler, are attributable to this success in Townsville,” Mr Chant said.

This is the second highest month ever recorded for Gold Coast Airport. In January this year, 449,357 passengers went through the airport.

Passenger movement figures for July 2009 are summarised below:

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Airport	Passengers	Growth (compared to July 08)
Gold Coast	414,928 (358,405 domestic) (56,523 international) (*excludes transit passengers)	+4.75%
Townsville	151,176	+6.13%
Mount Isa	14,435	-17.89%
QAL Group	580,539	+4.39%

In the last financial year (2008-09), the QAL Group recorded 6,334,406 passenger movements (4,612,257 for Gold Coast; 1,539,425 for Townsville; 128,724 for Mount Isa).

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