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RECORDS AND GROWTH FOR QAL AIRPORTS

Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) today released its August passenger statistics which show Mount Isa Airport processed a record number of passengers for the month while Gold Coast and Townsville Airports reported consistent growth on last year.

Managing Director Dennis Chant said the figures showed 3 percent and 13 percent increases at Gold Coast and Mount Isa airports respectively, and a leap of 17 percent in passenger numbers at Townsville Airport.

Overall, QAL airports recorded a 6.9 percent increase in passenger movements over the same month last year.

"Our airports in northern Queensland continue to benefit from the commodity driven boom in the region which is contributing to strong growth in business sector passengers," Mr Chant said.

"This has been complemented by continued increases in capacity by our airline partners."

August passenger movement statistics for the QAL group airports:

Airport	Monthly Passenger Movements		
	August-06	August-05	% change
Gold Coast	301,223	292,435	3%
Mount Isa	13,740	12,112	13.4%
Townsville	120,102	102,449	17%
QAL Total	435,065	406,996	6.9%

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