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QUEENSLAND AIRPORTS OFF TO A FLYING START

Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) has launched into the new financial year with a flying start posting another high growth month for passenger movements through its three airports - Mount Isa, Townsville and Gold Coast.

During July, the group welcomed almost 470,000 passengers through its doors, an increase of 3.2% on the same period in 2006.

Travel through Mount Isa Airport was particularly strong in July with passenger movements up 17% on the previous year, totaling 15,873.

Townsville Airport boosted its passenger numbers by 7.74% in July compared to the same period last year, with 131,798 travellers moving through the terminal.

Meanwhile, Gold Coast Airport also maintained steady growth in July, following a record number of 3.75 million passenger movements for the 06/07 financial year.

The news comes on the back of a strong growth period for the group with a total of 5.29 million travelers passing through its three airports in 2006/07, up 6.62% on the previous financial year.

QAL Managing Director, Dennis Chant said the figures were a very positive start to the year, capitalising on the momentum from last financial year.

"Growth at Mount Isa and Townsville airports has been particularly strong, primarily facilitated by the mining boom," Mr Chant said.

"We are looking forward to a bright year ahead with the airlines responding to passenger demand with additional capacity foreshadowed at each of our airports.

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