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QUEENSLAND AIRPORTS LIMITED - PASSENGER NUMBERS INCREASE BY 13% IN SEPTEMBER

The three airports owned and operated by Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) at Townsville, Mount Isa and Gold Coast have recorded another month of aggregate growth in passenger movements.

The passenger movements for the QAL Group for September 2009 were 585,297. This represented a 12.97% increase compared to September 2008.

QAL Managing Director Dennis Chant said they were pleased to see another month of aggregate growth across the Group.

"We are certainly pleased to continue to record an increase in passenger numbers at Gold Coast and Townsville Airport.

"Gold Coast Airport continued to record exceptional growth in international passenger numbers, increasing by almost 130% over this time last year. However, even more notable is the return to strong domestic growth of nearly 10% after 12 months of little or negative monthly growth.

"Townsville Airport maintained growth again this month, highlighting the passenger mix of business and leisure traveler to North Queensland remains strong.

"While Mount Isa Airport numbers remain down on the same period last year, we have again seen an increase since last month. The last three consecutive months have had the highest passenger numbers for the region since October 2008 and this is a positive sign the region is recovering.

"We are hoping that these passenger growth figures across the Group are a sign that the economy is improving, not only in Australia, but internationally," Mr Chant said.

Passenger movement figures for September 2009 are summarised below:

Airport	Passengers	Growth (compared to August 08)
Gold Coast	433,275 (370,144 domestic) (63,131 international) (*excludes transit passengers)	+18.87% (+9.85% domestic) (+129.35% international)
Townsville	137,038	+1.13%
Mount Isa	14,984	-17.29%
QAL Group	585,297	+12.97%

* There were an additional 9,098 transit passengers pass through Gold Coast Airport in September.



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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