



MEDIA RELEASE

12 November 2009

QUEENSLAND AIRPORTS LIMITED - PASSENGER NUMBERS SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS IN OCTOBER

Total passenger movements through the three airports owned and operated by Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) at Townsville, Mount Isa and Gold Coast for the month of October continued the record breaking trend achieved in September.

The passenger movements for the QAL Group for October 2009 were 609,059. This represented an increase of 11.25% compared to October 2008 and is the first time throughput passed the 600,000 milestone.

QAL Managing Director Dennis Chant said the continued positive performance was indicative of an improving economy.

“Most significantly we have now had back-to-back record months for the Group in aggregate and that is a great sign that business and consumer confidence is returning.

“Gold Coast Airport enjoyed another record month both for total passenger movements and for international passengers, with more than 452,600 and 63,800 movements respectively. The previous monthly record for total passenger movements was 449,375 set in January 2009. Gold Coast also recorded its second highest month this year for domestic passengers with 388,000.

“Townsville Airport again showed positive results for October with 141,000 passengers, the second highest number recorded this year.

“Mount Isa Airport figures remain down on the same period last year, however we have had four consecutive months of growth and look forward to this trend continuing as the resources sector improves,” Mr Chant said.

Passenger movement figures for October 2009 are summarised below:

Airport	Passengers	Growth (compared to October 08)
Gold Coast	452,670 (388,845 domestic) (63,825 international) * (*excludes transit passengers)	+15.73% (+11.00% domestic) (+56.35% international)
Townsville	141,149 *	+1.93%
Mount Isa	15,240	-14.66%
QAL Group	606,059	+11.25%

* There were an additional 4,809 transit passengers pass through Gold Coast Airport and 5928 through Townsville Airport in October. 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; 182,724 for Mount Isa).

ENDS

Media enquiries:

Elissa Keenan, General Manager Corporate Affairs ph: 07 5589 1196 Mb: 0448 866 049

Melissa Pearce, Communications Executive ph: 07 5589 1107 Mb: 0437 331 557