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QUEENSLAND AIRPORTS LIMITED PASSENGER MOVEMENTS – APRIL 2010

The three airports owned and operated by Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) at Gold Coast, Townsville and Mount Isa recorded almost 600,000 passenger movements collectively for the month of April, an increase of 10% compared to April 2009.

Gold Coast Airport continues to record strong growth in both domestic and international travel, up 10% and 27% respectively on the same time last year. More than 448,000 passengers traveled through Gold Coast Airport last month.

Townsville Airport continued its solid performance with 132,695 passenger movements in April 2010. This is an increase of 2.5% on April 2009 and is the highest in the past six months for the Airport.

Mount Isa Airport is also continuing to show positive growth with more than 16,700 passengers last month, an increase of 19.5% over the same time last year.

QAL Managing Director Dennis Chant said the results were very positive for the Group.

“Across the board the airports in the QAL Group have all recorded good passenger movements for April. Gold Coast Airport continues to grow in both the domestic and international markets and is maintaining a very strong performance.

“Townsville is still recording year on year growth, while Mount Isa continues to rebound from lower passenger numbers last year. All in all this reflects well on the economy and the resulting consumer confidence in Australia,” Mr Chant said.

“We are maintaining a focus on improving our infrastructure, particularly at our regional airports, to cater for growth into the future.

“Townsville will soon commence a \$1.3 million redevelopment of its car parking facilities, scheduled to start in June. This will include expanding the long-term car park by adding 270 more spaces, which will effectively almost double the size of the car park. Shaded car parks and more shaded space in public areas will also be added.

“In Mount Isa our \$3.8 million terminal redevelopment project is continuing with stage one, including the completion of the new baggage claim and arrivals area, and extension of the existing departure lounge, scheduled to be completed in early July,” Mr Chant said.

The preliminary passenger movement figures recorded at the three QAL owned airports during April 2010 were:

Airport	Passengers	Growth (compared to April 2009)
Gold Coast		
Domestic	387,338	+10.5%
International	61,373	+27.4%
Total	448,711	+ 12.5%
Townsville	132,695	+ 2.5%
Mount Isa	16,749	+19.5%
QAL Group	598,155	+ 10.3%

* Excludes transit 764 passengers passing through the Gold Coast Airport.

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