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KENYA AIRWAYS PERFORMANCE, 2nd QTR 2005 – JUL to SEP

Kenya Airways releases its operating results for the second quarter ended 30th Sep.2005...

The airline put into the market a capacity of 2,407m measured in seat kilometres during the quarter. This represents a growth of 24% over prior year comparative period (1,945m seat kilometres). Capacity put into the European routes grew by 30% arising from 10 weekly flights to London and 7 to Amsterdam all operated on the larger B777 aircraft.

Capacity in the Middle East and Asia region grew by 14% over prior year as a result of increased B767s operations to Bombay and Dubai. Northern Africa achieved a capacity growth of 42% following the introduction of Djibouti via Addis and additional operations to Cairo extending to Istanbul. Southern Africa's capacity grew by 15% due to increased frequencies to Johannesburg (now double daily operations) and the introduction of the two weekly frequencies to Lubumbashi through Harare. West Africa achieved a 36% growth due to the replacement of some flights on the narrow body B737 to Kinshasa, Accra and Abidjan with the larger B767s. There were also increased operations to Douala and Lagos and the introduction of Bamako – Dakar service in July within West Africa. Capacity in the domestic market grew by 37% mainly from the increased operations to Mombasa, Kisumu and Malindi driven by the demand arising from the withdrawal of operations by the competition on the routes and the improvement of tourist traffic to the coast.

Capacity uptake in the quarter at 1,954m passenger kilometres represents a 25% growth over prior year – (1,555m passenger kilometres). Total passenger uplifts were 685,316 which is a 26% improvement on last year's level of 544,671 passengers. The achieved cabin factor at 81.2% is an improvement on prior year's performance level of 79.9%. This has been driven by an improvement in the passenger traffic and a positive customer response to the expansion of the airline's network.

Passenger loads to Europe grew by 32% over prior year mainly from a positive passenger response to the introduction of the B777 capacity. The region achieved a cabin factor of 89.3% compared to 87.4% of prior year.

The Middle East and Asia region achieved a traffic growth of 12% over prior, the benefit of increased capacity in the region. The region's cabin factor realised at 81.8% was lower than prior year's level of 84.2%.

Passenger numbers within Africa, but excluding Kenya, at 303,192 were 21% above prior year's level of 250,695. This growth is largely driven by higher capacity put in the region this year from operations of larger equipment and the expansion of the KQ network leading to improved connectivity and increased sales.

The domestic traffic uplift grew by 43% mainly due to increased capacity and improved tourist loads to the Coast as a result of relaxed travel advisories. The average cabin factor improved to 81.2% from 79.9% achieved last year.

Cargo uplift at 14,413 tonnes was 30% better than prior year with major growths coming from the European region, the Middle East and Southern Africa regions where the airline benefited from increased belly space provided by the larger B777s and B767s.