

BRITISH AIRWAYS PLC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

FURNISHED PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

7 February 2005

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

(Registrant's Name)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

By: /s/ _____

Name: Alan Buchanan

Title: Company Secretary

Date: 7 February 2005

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Exhibit No.	Description
1.	Traffic and Capacity Statistics - January 2005

TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS - January 2005

Summary of the headline figures

In January 2005, passenger capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres, was 3.2 per cent above January 2004. Traffic, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres, was higher by 8.1 per cent. This resulted in a passenger load factor up 3.2 points versus last year, to 72.3 per cent. The increase in traffic comprised an 11.8 per cent increase in premium traffic and a 7.5 per cent increase in non-premium traffic. Cargo, measured in Cargo Tonne Kilometres, rose by 14.2 per cent. Overall load factor rose by 3.3 points to 68.1 per cent.

Market conditions

Market conditions for the current financial year remain broadly unchanged. For the year to March 2005, the total revenue outlook is slightly better than previous guidance with a 3.0-3.5 per cent improvement anticipated (compares with previous 2-3 per cent). All market segments remain price sensitive and yield declines are expected to continue.

Strategic Developments

British Airways plans to fly five flights a week this summer from London Heathrow to Shanghai in China, subject to approval by the Chinese authorities. The airline currently flies from London Heathrow to Beijing four times a week increasing to six times per week from June 2005 and 17 times a week to Hong Kong, increasing to 21 flights a week from June 2005.

British Airways flights between London Heathrow and Jeddah and Riyadh in Saudi Arabia are to be suspended from March 27, 2005 for commercial reasons, due to reduced passenger demand.

Commission payments to UK travel agents on British Airways' bookings are to be reduced from one percent to zero from May 1 2005. Agents will be free to charge their own scale of service fees in addition to the ticket price. Service fees of £15 on short haul bookings made via the telephone have been extended to longhaul flights.

The airline's multi-award winning Club World flat bed is to be improved with the latest cushioning technology to give customers more comfort and further ergonomic support. This is the first time such cushioning has been used in an airline seat.

Business travellers can earn the equivalent of a free ticket when they book their next British Airways business class ticket. The airline is giving away over 750 million BA Miles in a bumper New Year mileage offer. The offer gives all passengers, who book an eligible Club World or First flight for travel between now and March 24 2005, triple BA Miles. Passengers have to join the British Airways Executive Club to be eligible for the promotion and can gain the bonus miles on up to four eligible return flights taken within the travel period.

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BRITISH AIRWAYS MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS

	Month of January		Financial year to date		
	2005	2004	2005	2004	Change
		Change (%)			(%)
BRITISH AIRWAYS SCHEDULED SERVICES					
Passengers carried (000)					
UK/Europe	1599	+2.2	19934	19957	-0.1
Americas	577	+6.5	6120	5983	+2.3
Asia Pacific	147	+9.7	1399	1215	+15.1
Africa and Middle East	299	+9.5	2585	2331	+10.9
Total	2622	+4.3	30038	29487	+1.9
Revenue passenger km (m)					
UK/Europe	1407	+7.6	17859	17093	+4.5
Americas	3881	+6.7	40940	39971	+2.4
Asia Pacific	1512	+7.9	14391	12870	+11.8
Africa and Middle East	2025	+11.2	17306	15632	+10.7
Total	8825	+8.1	90496	85565	+5.8
Available seat km (m)					

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UK/Europe	25452405	+5.8	26034	25265	+3.0
Americas	51855208	-0.4	52315	52510	-0.4
Asia Pacific	19791875	+5.5	19481	17729	+9.9
Africa and Middle East	24972339	+6.8	22678	21161	+7.2
Total	122061827	+3.2	120508	116665	+3.3
Passenger load factor (%)					
UK/Europe	55.3 54.3	+1.0pts	68.6	67.7	+0.9pts
Americas	74.8 69.9	+4.9pts	78.3	76.1	+2.2pts
Asia Pacific	76.4 74.7	+1.7pts	73.9	72.6	+1.3pts
Africa and Middle East	81.1 77.8	+3.3pts	76.3	73.9	+2.4pts
Total	72.3 69.1	+3.2pts	75.1	73.3	+1.8pts
Revenue tonne km (RTK) (m)					
Cargo tonne km (CTK)	412 361	+14.2	4148	3650	+13.6
Total RTK	13051187	+9.9	13196	12222	+8.0
Available tonne km (m)	19171832	+4.6	18865	18057	+4.5
Overall load factor (%)	68.1 64.8	+3.3pts	69.9	67.7	+2.2pts

Certain statements included in this statement may be forward-looking and may involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, projections relating to results of operations and financial conditions and the company's plans and objectives for future operations, including, without limitation, discussions of the company's business and financing plans, expected future revenues and expenditures and divestments. All forward-looking statements in this report are based upon information known to the company on the date of this report. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

It is not reasonably possible to itemise all of the many factors and specific events that could cause the company's forward-looking statements to be incorrect or that could otherwise have a material adverse effect on the future operations or results of an airline operating in the global economy.

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