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Sydney Airport Traffic Performance August 2014

Pax	Monthly performance			Year to date performance		
('000s) ¹	Aug-14	Aug-13	Growth (%)	YTD-14	YTD-13	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,132	2,117	+0.7%	16,512	16,347	+1.0%
International ²	1,067	1,048	+1.8%	8,582	8,288	+3.6%
DOC ³	3	4	-40.0%	28	47	-40.3%
Total	3,202	3,170	+1.0%	25,122	24,682	+1.8%

¹ Contains estimates with any adjustments to preliminary statistics to be included in the year to date results in future months.

² International excludes Domestic-On-Carriage.

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CEO Kerrie Mather said, “International passenger growth at Sydney Airport continues to be solid for the 2014 year to date, up 3.6% on the prior corresponding period (pcp), with domestic passengers up 1.0% and total passengers up 1.8%.

“We saw a significant improvement in load factors during August with a two percentage point improvement on international services compared to August 2013. This is an indication of strong underlying demand for Sydney Airport from both inbound and outbound passengers which supports the ongoing expansion of the network and capacity flying from Sydney.

“We are delighted that Sydney Airport has been chosen out of Etihad’s global network of 98 destinations as its second A380 destination. The A380 will commence serving the Sydney – Abu Dhabi route in June next year. Etihad will also add additional capacity through upgauging its four weekly Airbus A340 service to a Boeing 777.

“These capacity increases of 38% on the Abu Dhabi route will add a total of 137,000 seats a year, which will provide further access to the Middle East and to Etihad’s 20 one-stop destinations in Europe as well as the extensive networks of their airline partners.

“Sydney Airport recently welcomed its newest airline and fourth international low cost carrier, Cebu Pacific Air. The new airline and service will generate visitor expenditure of \$66 million a year, adding significantly to two way trade and tourism between the Philippines and Australia.

“Cebu commenced a four-weekly service between Sydney and Manila in September and will increase to five services a week on 10 December ahead of the peak holiday season. Cebu is operating a brand new 436-seater A330-300 on the route which will deliver annual capacity of 226,800 seats. They are the Philippines’ largest airline, offering connections from 24 cities in 13 countries in Asia and the Middle East, providing passengers more choice when travelling to Australia.

“Australia continues to be a popular inbound destination with international visitors. Growth in Chinese nationals was up by 17.7% in the month, representing over 12,000 extra passengers. India and Hong Kong nationality markets continued to grow strongly in August and have both produced an impressive growth rate of over 14% for the last 12 months, representing over 40,000 extra passengers.

“Traditional markets of France and USA continued to demonstrate robust growth. Over the last 12 months French and US markets have produced 9.2% and 4.6% growth respectively, also representing over 40,000 extra passengers. Indonesian, Malaysian and Singaporean markets saw a month on month decline due to the cycling of the Eid al-Fitr festival which occurred in July this year.”

Key Points

- Etihad will upgauge its daily Abu Dhabi to Sydney service from a Boeing 777-300ER to an Airbus A380-800 and will upgauge its four weekly service from an Airbus A340-600 to a Boeing 777-300ER on 1 June 2015. The larger aircraft will add an extra 137,000 seats (+38%) annually to capacity on the route.
- Cebu Pacific Air commenced a four-weekly service to Manila in September using an Airbus A330-300 aircraft, increasing to five a week from 10 December and providing 226,800 additional seats annually on the Sydney-Manila route.

- Philippine Airlines will increase its Manila to Sydney services from four weekly to five weekly from October using an Airbus A340-300 resulting in an additional 38,000 seats (+25%) annually.
- Total passenger traffic for August is estimated to have increased 1.0% on the pcip, with domestic traffic estimated to be up 0.7% on the pcip and international traffic (excluding domestic on-carriage) up 1.8% on the pcip.
- For international traffic, Taiwan (+23.8%), China (+17.7%), India (+16.4%), Hong Kong (+8.9%) and France (+7.7%) were the major nationality markets that grew during August. The major nationality markets that declined over the month were Indonesia (-26.1%), Malaysia (-23.4%), Singapore (-11.4%), Canada (-2.0%) and the UK (-1.8%).

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	Total	Total	Growth
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep-13 - Aug-14	Sep-12 - Aug-13	%
Dom	2,088	2,274	2,147	2,183	2,125	1,898	2,116	2,080	2,021	1,949	2,190	2,132	25,204	24,994	+0.8%
Int	1,086	1,098	1,048	1,233	1,285	1,019	1,027	1,083	973	1,013	1,116	1,067	13,047	12,580	+3.7%
DOC	5	7	6	5	5	4	4	4	3	4	2	3	52	83	-38.1%
Total	3,180	3,380	3,201	3,421	3,415	2,920	3,146	3,167	2,996	2,967	3,308	3,202	38,303	37,657	+1.7%

All data is for arriving and departing passengers.

All data is taken from management accounts, is provisional and subject to revision.

All data has been rounded to the nearest thousand and in some instances the total may not be equal to the sum of the parts. Percentage changes have been calculated based on actual figures and not based on rounded balances.

Contains estimates with adjustments made to preliminary data in later months.

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