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Sydney Airport Traffic Performance April 2015

Pax ('000s)[1]	Monthly performance			Year to date performance		
	Apr-15	Apr-14	Growth (%)	YTD-15	YTD-14	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,119	2,080	+1.9%	8,362	8,219	+1.7%
International[2]	1,086	1,087	-0.1%	4,560	4,429	+2.9%
Total	3,205	3,167	+1.2%	12,921	12,648	+2.2%

[1] Contains estimates with any adjustments to preliminary statistics to be included in the year to date results in future months.
[2] International includes Domestic-On-Carriage due to immateriality.

CEO and Managing Director Kerrie Mather said, "Sydney Airport reached a record of over 4.5 million international passengers year to date, a growth rate of 2.9% on the prior corresponding period (pcp). Domestic growth was also a very solid 1.7% over the same period."

"April international traffic reflects the earlier Easter and school holiday period which shifted seasonal demand earlier into March. Foreign nationality passengers grew strongly, increasing 2.1% above the pcp, with Filipino (+24.6%), Indian (+20.5%), Chinese (+14.4%), Korean (+6.7%) and USA (+2.2%) nationality passengers as the major drivers of the result.

"We saw a continuing improvement in load factors with international and domestic increasing 1.7 and 2.6 percentage points respectively compared to April 2014. Domestic traffic grew by 1.9% over the month driven primarily by load factor improvements across all carriers.

"We were delighted this month to see Destination NSW (DNSW) continue to focus on promoting Sydney and NSW in China. DNSW hosted a week-long tourism marketing event in Chengdu and entered into a partnership with travel wholesaler, China Tourism International. In addition to these initiatives, DNSW has recently hosted 33 NSW tourism operators in China as part of the Greater China Mission, which allowed them to form direct relationships with Chinese providers and showcase NSW destinations directly to their target market. Chinese nationals have increased 14.4% in the month and 15.2% in the year to date, and have contributed 34% of total international passenger growth in 2015."

Key Points

- LAN Airlines this month launched the new 787-8 on its weekly service to Santiago and also announced it will upgauge to the 787-9 in the second half of 2015.
- Total passenger traffic for April is estimated to have increased 1.2% on the pcp, with domestic traffic estimated to have increased 1.9% on the pcp and international traffic decreasing -0.1% on the pcp.

Top 10 Nationalities Travelling Through Sydney Airport

Rank	Nationality	Apr-15	YTD-15	Rank	Nationality	Apr-15	YTD-15
1	Australia	-1.9%	+2.4%	6	Korea	+6.7%	+6.9%
2	New Zealand	-4.6%	-0.8%	7	Japan	-3.9%	-6.4%
3	China	+14.4%	+15.2%	8	India	+20.5%	+24.0%
4	UK	-7.2%	-3.1%	9	Malaysia	+1.8%	-1.7%
5	USA	+2.2%	+3.6%	10	Germany	-7.2%	-4.1%

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	Total May-14-Apr-15	Total May-13-Apr-14	Growth %
Dom	2,021	1,949	2,190	2,132	2,130	2,350	2,174	2,185	2,090	1,948	2,204	2,119	25,493	25,121	+1.5%
Int	976	1,018	1,118	1,070	1,078	1,119	1,073	1,264	1,308	1,045	1,122	1,086	13,276	13,035	+1.9%
Total	2,996	2,967	3,308	3,202	3,209	3,469	3,247	3,449	3,398	2,993	3,326	3,205	38,769	38,156	+1.6%

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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