

ASX code SXR
AIM code SKYW

9th August 2012

SKYWEST AIRLINES LTD

("Skywest" or "the Company")

JULY 2012 AIRLINE PASSENGER OPERATING STATISTICS

Skywest, the Australian and South East Asia regional airline, is pleased to announce its network operating statistics for the month of July 2012.

The number of Charter Services remained the same compared with the previous year. Skywest RPT traffic, measured by Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs), increased by 5.18%, while Skywest Charter traffic, which is measured by Charter Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs), decreased by 24.77%.

	Month of June		
	July-12	July-11	Change
RPT Passengers Carried ('000s)	36	37	-2.74%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres ('000s) (RPT)	35,947	34,177	5.18%
Available Seat Kilometres ('000s) (RPT)	58,231	49,555	17.51%
Load Factor %	61.73%	68.97%	-7.24%
Available Seat Kilometres ('000s) (Charter)	42,549	56,560	-24.77%
Charter Services	251	251	0.00%
Wet Lease Block Hours	1,400	0	n.c.
Actual Aircraft in Fleet	24	17	

	Financial Year to Date		
	2012/13	2011/12	Change
RPT Passengers Carried ('000s)	36	37	-2.74%
Revenue Passenger Kilometres ('000s) (RPT)	35,947	34,177	5.18%
Available Seat Kilometres ('000s) (RPT)	58,231	49,555	17.51%
Load Factor %	61.73%	68.97%	-7.24%

Available Seat Kilometres ('000s) (Charter)	42,549	56,560	-24.77%
Charter Services	251	251	0.00%
Wet Lease Block Hours	1,400	0	n.c
Actual Aircraft in Fleet	24	17	

Notes:

1. Monthly operating statistics are issued on a preliminary basis and are subject to change.

Any adjustments made will flow through to the year to date results.

2. Passengers Carried refers to Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) passengers and therefore excludes charter passengers.

3. RPKs refers to the number of RPT paying passengers carried multiplied by the number of kilometres flown.

4. ASKs refers to the number of RPT seats available for sale to passengers multiplied by the number of kilometres flown.

5. Load Factor is RPKs divided by ASKs and is therefore an RPT number.

6. The calculation of Load Factor does not include the number of "Charter" passengers.

7. The Wet Lease Block Hours represents the ATR 72 aircraft supplied to Virgin under the wet lease agreement from the date of commercial service.

8. Aircraft in operation only includes aircraft operated more than 40 hours in a given month. There were 25 aircraft in the fleet at the end of the month including those operated less than 40 hours in the month.

--ENDS--

Enquiries:

Skywest Airlines Ltd

Jeff Chatfield, Executive Chairman

07783 942 553

Nominated Adviser

James Joyce, W H Ireland Limited

0207 220 1666

Company Stockbroker

W H Ireland Limited

0207 220 1670

Financial Public Relations

Bishopsgate Communications

Nick Rome

skywest@bishopsgatecommunications.com

0207 562 3350

Media Enquiries in Australia

Greg Slade

Brian O'Dwyer

+61 488 917 882

+61 420 716 915

Websites

www.skywest.com.auwww.advent.com.sgwww.skywest.com.sg