

BRITISH AIRWAYS PLC
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FORM 6-K

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

3 March 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: 3 March 2005

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| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 1. | Traffic and Capacity Statistics -February 2005 |

TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS - February 2005

Summary of the headline figures

In February 2005, passenger capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres, was 1.4 per cent below February 2004. Traffic, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres, was higher by 1.4 per cent. This resulted in a passenger load factor up 2 points versus last year, to 70.8 per cent. The increase in traffic comprised an 6.8 per cent increase in premium traffic and a 0.4 per cent increase in non-premium traffic. Cargo, measured in Cargo Tonne Kilometres, fell by 5.9 per cent. Overall load factor rose by 1.1 points to 67.9 per cent. The traffic and capacity figures versus last year are impacted by some 3 percentage points because 2004 was a leap year.

Market conditions

Market conditions for the current financial year remain broadly unchanged. For the year to March 2005, the total revenue outlook continues to be for a 3.0-3.5 per cent improvement. All market segments remain price sensitive and yield declines are expected to continue.

Strategic Developments

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) gave approval to the continuation of the joint service agreement (JSA) between British Airways and Qantas for a further five years.

- The airline reported a pre-tax profit of £75 million for the third quarter against a pre-tax profit of £125 million for the same period last year. The results for the nine months were a profit of £410 million (2003: £185 million profit).
- Operating profit for the quarter was £110 million, (2003: £138 million) and for the nine months was an operating profit of £500 million (2003: £373 million).

British Airways completed fitting its award-winning Club World flat beds on all its Boeing 777 aircraft operating direct services from Gatwick to twelve destinations in the USA and Caribbean.

The British Airways London Eye re-opened following its annual maintenance check.

British Airways offered over 50,000 discounted return flights to the US in a 13 day seat sale to nineteen US and Canadian destinations with prices starting at £199 for a return ticket to New York, saving up to £134 on the standard fare.

March 3, 2005

BRITISH AIRWAYS MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS

| | Month of February | | Financial year to date April through to February | | |
|---|-------------------|------|---|-------|--------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | Change |
| BRITISH AIRWAYS SCHEDULED SERVICES | | | | | |
| Passengers carried (000) | | | | | |
| UK/Europe | 1621711 | -5.3 | 21556 | 21670 | -0.5 |
| Americas | 491491 | -0.1 | 6611 | 6475 | +2.1 |
| Asia Pacific | 132129 | +2.4 | 1531 | 1344 | +13.9 |
| Africa and Middle East | 256247 | +3.7 | 2842 | 2579 | +10.2 |
| Total | 2492578 | -3.1 | 32539 | 32068 | +1.5 |
| Revenue passenger km (m) | | | | | |
| UK/Europe | 1424420 | +0.3 | 19284 | 18514 | +4.2 |
| Americas | 3293294 | -0.0 | 44237 | 43267 | +2.2 |
| Asia Pacific | 1359337 | +1.7 | 15750 | 14207 | +10.9 |
| Africa and Middle East | 1739658 | +4.9 | 19046 | 17293 | +10.1 |
| Total | 7816709 | +1.4 | 98318 | 93281 | +5.4 |
| Available seat km (m) | | | | | |
| UK/Europe | 2344331 | +0.5 | 28379 | 27596 | +2.8 |

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|--------|---------|
| Americas | 4647900 | -5.2 | 56968 | 57412 | -0.8 |
| Asia Pacific | 1792762 | +1.7 | 21273 | 19492 | +9.1 |
| Africa and Middle East | 2259208 | +2.3 | 24939 | 23372 | +6.7 |
| Total | 11042202 | -1.4 | 131559 | 127871 | +2.9 |
| Passenger load factor (%) | | | | | |
| UK/Europe | 60.850.9 | -0.1pts | 68.0 | 67.1 | +0.9pts |
| Americas | 70.967.2 | +3.7pts | 77.7 | 75.4 | +2.3pts |
| Asia Pacific | 75.875.9 | -0.1pts | 74.0 | 72.9 | +1.1pts |
| Africa and Middle East | 77.075.1 | +1.9pts | 76.4 | 74.0 | +2.4pts |
| Total | 70.858.8 | +2.0pts | 74.7 | 72.9 | +1.8pts |
| Revenue tonne km (RTK) (m) | | | | | |
| Cargo tonne km (CTK) | 381405 | -5.9 | 4505 | 4049 | +11.3 |
| Total RTK | 1158172 | -1.1 | 14330 | 13387 | +7.0 |
| Available tonne km (m) | 1706754 | -2.8 | 20576 | 19822 | +3.8 |
| Overall load factor (%) | 67.966.8 | +1.1pts | 69.6 | 67.5 | +2.1pts |

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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