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Kenya Airways releases its operating results for the first quarter ended 30th June 2005...

The airline put into the market place a capacity of 1,951m measured in seat kilometres during the quarter. This represents a growth of 15% over prior year comparative period (1,697m). Capacity put into the European routes grew by 15% from the introduction of the B777 operations with 10 weekly flights to London and 7 to Amsterdam.

Capacity in the Middle East and Asia region grew by 18% over prior year, as a result of full operations of the Bombay and Dubai evening flights on the larger B767s coupled with some B777 operations to Bangkok and Hong Kong. Northern Africa achieved a capacity growth of 17% following the introduction of Djibouti via Addis and additional operations to Cairo extending to Istanbul. Southern Africa's capacity increased by 10% due to increased frequencies to Johannesburg (now double daily operations), the introduction of the Mombasa – Johannesburg service on Sundays and two weekly Harare – Lubumbashi operations. West Africa achieved a 22% growth due to the replacement of some flights on the narrow body B737 to Kinshasa, Accra and Abidjan with the larger B767s, as well as the increased operations to Douala and Abidjan and an additional frequency to Lagos on Tuesdays. The capacity in the domestic market grew by 11% mainly due to the increase in operations to Mombasa and Kisumu driven by the withdrawal of some of the competition from the routes and the increase of tourist traffic to the coast.

Capacity uptake in the quarter at 1,383m RPKs represents an 18% growth over prior year – (1,172m RPKs). Total passenger uplifts were 524,029 which is a 19% improvement on last year's level of 441,781. The achieved cabin factor at 70.8% shows better performance than prior year's level of 69.1%. This has been the result of an improvement in the passenger traffic and the airline's efficient capacity management.

Cargo uplift at 11,580 tonnes was 15% better than prior year with major growths registered in Europe, Middle East and Southern Africa regions as a result of increased belly space provided by the B777s.

Passenger loads to Europe grew by 18% over prior year mainly from a positive passenger response to the introduction of the B777 capacity. The region achieved a cabin factor of 75.3% compared to 73.3% of prior year.

The Middle East and Asia region achieved a traffic growth of 20% against prior, the benefit of passenger's positive reaction to increased capacity in the region. The region's cabin factor realised was 69.6%, slightly lower than the 70.2% achieved last year.

Passenger numbers within Africa, but excluding Kenya, at 247,607 were 16% above prior year's level of 214,165. This growth is largely driven by higher capacity in the region with an improved product in the market coupled with increased sales efforts to counter competitive forces in the region.

The domestic traffic uplift grew by 24% wholly driven by Mombasa that increased by 26% in comparison to prior year following improved tourist loads due to relaxed travel advisories. The average cabin factor improved to 81.4% from 75.6% achieved last year.

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