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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

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THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

04 August 2006

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 authorized.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

By: /s/ _____
Name: Alan Buchanan
Title: Company Secretary
Date: 04 August 2006

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| 1. | July Traffic Stats |

TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS - July 2006

Summary of the headline figures

In July 2006, passenger capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres, was 2.8 per cent above July 2005. Traffic, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres, was higher by 4.4 per cent. This resulted in a passenger load factor up 1.2 points versus last year, to 82.3 per cent. The increase in traffic comprised a 11.0 per cent increase in premium traffic and a 3.3 per cent increase in non-premium traffic. Cargo, measured in Cargo Tonne Kilometres, fell by 0.9 per cent. Overall load factor increased by 1.2 points to 73.7 per cent.

Market conditions

Strong revenue is expected to continue, supported by significant promotional activity driving seat factors in all cabins. For the year to March 2007, total revenue is expected to improve by 6 - 7 per cent, up from previous guidance of 5

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- 6 per cent due to the impact of record seat factors and better cabin mix. Capacity growth in the first half of the year is expected to be about 4 per cent slowing in the second half of the year to achieve a full year increase of 2.5 - 3 per cent.

Costs

Fuel costs for the year are now expected to be GBP550 - GBP600 million up on last year. Costs excluding fuel which were previously forecast flat, are now expected to be slightly higher this year as pension costs are driving employee costs up.

Strategic Developments

British Airways reached agreement with its trade unions to merge its Gatwick based longhaul and shorthaul cabin crew into a single fleet from October this year. The deal provides for significant gains in productivity and staff flexibility and reductions in employee costs estimated at GBP13.2 million a year.

At BA's annual general meeting, BA's chairman Martin Broughton said the trustees of the New Airways Pension Scheme (NAPS) had written to the company to say they accept that on-going contributions much in excess of current levels may not be sustainable and that a reduction in future benefits is likely to be required. NAPS has an accounting deficit of GBP2.1 billion.

As part of an initial public offering by WNS (HOLDINGS) Ltd on the New York Stock Exchange, British Airways sold its 14.6 per cent shareholding in the India based business services company, for net US\$ 96 million (approximately GBP52 million). The airline will report a gain on disposal of approximately GBP48 million in Q2 and the proceeds will be used to repay existing gross debt which at March 31, 2006 amounted to GBP4.1 billion.

A new five times a week service is to be launched from Heathrow to Calgary in Canada on December 1, 2006. British Airways will also increase flights from Heathrow to JFK from seven to eight per day and increase flights from Heathrow to Sao Paulo in Brazil from seven to 10 each week.

British Airways announced an increase in the number of seats available at its record low one-way fare of GBP29 by five hundred per cent from July 27. Almost two million additional seats are now annually available from Gatwick to Europe at low fares. More than 900,000 are priced from GBP29 one-way (including taxes and charges) and a further 700,000 from GBP34.

The airline held a summer sale with up to GBP585 off popular holiday destinations. Flights from London to Bermuda and Antigua began at just GBP299, New York from GBP249 return and Mumbai from GBP299.

The airline extended its on-line check-in facility to families and groups of six or less to further minimize waiting time at the airport.

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BRITISH AIRWAYS MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS

Month of July

Financial year
April through to

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| BRITISH AIRWAYS SCHEDULED SERVICES | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) | 2006 | 2005 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Passengers carried (000) | | | | | |
| UK/Europe | 2303 | 2280 | +1.0 | 8500 | 8367 |
| Americas | 719 | 693 | +3.7 | 2782 | 2630 |
| Asia Pacific | 172 | 176 | -2.2 | 635 | 606 |
| Africa and Middle East | 302 | 259 | +16.7 | 1124 | 959 |
| Total | 3495 | 3408 | +2.6 | 13041 | 12562 |
| Revenue passenger km (m) | | | | | |
| UK/Europe | 2199 | 2157 | +1.9 | 8044 | 7817 |
| Americas | 4851 | 4671 | +3.9 | 18739 | 17635 |
| Asia Pacific | 1769 | 1806 | -2.0 | 6439 | 6233 |
| Africa and Middle East | 2001 | 1735 | +15.3 | 7479 | 6428 |
| Total | 10820 | 10369 | +4.4 | 40701 | 38113 |
| Available seat km (m) | | | | | |
| UK/Europe | 2758 | 2826 | -2.4 | 10746 | 11033 |
| Americas | 5814 | 5552 | +4.7 | 22593 | 21569 |
| Asia Pacific | 2092 | 2234 | -6.3 | 8211 | 8318 |
| Africa and Middle East | 2477 | 2174 | +13.9 | 9780 | 8539 |
| Total | 13141 | 12786 | +2.8 | 51330 | 49458 |
| Passenger load factor (%) | | | | | |
| UK/Europe | 79.7 | 76.3 | +3.4 pts | 74.9 | 70.8 |
| Americas | 83.4 | 84.1 | -0.7 pts | 82.9 | 81.8 |
| Asia Pacific | 84.6 | 80.8 | +3.8 pts | 78.4 | 74.9 |
| Africa and Middle East | 80.8 | 79.8 | +1.0 pts | 76.5 | 75.3 |
| Total | 82.3 | 81.1 | +1.2 pts | 79.3 | 77.1 |
| Revenue tonne km (RTK) (m) | | | | | |
| Cargo tonne km (CTK) | 402 | 406 | -0.9 | 1631 | 1591 |
| Total RTK | 1481 | 1440 | +2.8 | 5685 | 5386 |
| Available tonne km (m) | 2011 | 1985 | +1.3 | 7942 | 7710 |
| Overall load factor (%) | 73.7 | 72.5 | +1.2 pts | 71.6 | 69.9 |

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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