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Dear Sirs

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## **BAA UK AIRPORTS TRAFFIC FOR DECEMBER 2002**

BAA plc's seven UK airports handled a total of 9.4 million passengers in December 2002, an increase of 15.3% over December 2001, reflecting a strong Christmas and new year holiday period.

In the full calendar year (1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002), the airports handled 126.6 million passengers, up 3.9% on the year 2001, and 2.3% up on 2000.

### **Calendar Year Growth**

Among individual airports for the full calendar year 2002, compared with 2001, Heathrow added 4.3% to its traffic (2% below 2000), Gatwick traffic fell by 5.1% (7.6% down on 2000) and Stansted added 17.5% (35.3% up on 2000). The main reason for the fall in traffic at Heathrow and Gatwick against 2000, is the continued weakness in traffic in the North Atlantic market.

### **December 2002**

Among individual airports in December 2002, compared with December 2001, Stansted showed the strongest growth, with a 38.6% increase, followed by Edinburgh, up 18.4%, and Heathrow up 13.5%. Gatwick was 9.6% up on last year but is still 8.4% down against December 2000 due to the ongoing impact of September 11. Strong growth continued at the Scottish airports generally, which added 12.7% in December 2002, with growth of 9.8% at Glasgow and 6.3% at Aberdeen.

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In December all major markets recorded increases over December 2001. While domestic traffic was 19.1% higher, North Atlantic and European scheduled markets were up 18.0% and 18.3% respectively. Other long haul routes added 8.4% more passengers and European charters recorded a gain of 5.8%.

For further information on BAA plc see [www.baa.com](http://www.baa.com)

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# BAA Traffic Summary: December 2002

Terminal	%		Fin year to date:		Calendar	
Passengers (000s)	Month	Change	Apr-02 to Dec-02	Change	Year 2002	Change
Heathrow	5,029.1	13.5	48,955.1	5.7	63,012.0	4.3
Gatwick	1,885.1	9.6	23,889.4	-3.9	29,519.3	-5.1
Stansted	1,277.2	38.6	13,053.4	17.7	16,043.6	17.5
<b>London Area Total</b>	<b>8,191.5</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>85,897.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>108,574.9</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Southampton	55.3	-0.0	624.2	-7.5	790.6	-7.8
Glasgow	491.4	9.8	6,363.6	7.4	7,771.8	7.2
Edinburgh	513.7	18.4	5,450.7	13.7	6,912.6	14.5
Aberdeen	192.3	6.3	2,026.8	1.3	2,578.7	0.6
<b>Scottish Total</b>	<b>1,197.5</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>13,841.2</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>17,263.1</b>	<b>8.9</b>
<b>BAA Total</b>	<b>9,444.2</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>100,363.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>126,628.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>

Air Transport	%		Fin year to date:		Calendar	
Movements	Month	Change	Apr-02 to Dec-02	Change	Year 2002	Change
Heathrow	36,755	4.2	350,157	1.3	460,303	0.6
Gatwick	17,217	11.6	185,123	-2.2	234,700	-4.3
Stansted	13,112	32.1	122,767	3.6	154,527	1.3
<b>London Area Total</b>	<b>67,084</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>658,047</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>849,530</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Southampton	2,037	-0.6	21,476	-1.8	27,986	-1.3
Glasgow	6,286	0.7	68,906	-3.8	88,396	-4.4
Edinburgh	7,963	8.6	80,704	5.4	105,828	6.7
Aberdeen	6,232	-5.0	62,581	-5.9	82,359	-4.7
<b>Scottish Total</b>	<b>20,481</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>212,191</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>276,583</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>BAA Total</b>	<b>89,602</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>891,714</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1,154,099</b>	<b>-0.7</b>

Cargo	%		Fin year to date:		Calendar	
(Metric Tonnes)	Month	Change	Apr-02 to Dec-02	Change	Year 2002	Change
Heathrow	102,013	7.5	948,488	7.8	1,234,973	4.6
Gatwick	19,315	-3.9	184,448	-9.9	242,633	-13.4
Stansted	15,758	21.9	144,163	15.4	186,262	11.3
<b>London Area Total</b>	<b>137,086</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>1,277,099</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>1,663,868</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Southampton	32	23.1	308	22.9	394	15.0
Glasgow	229	-6.9	4,791	1.7	5,474	-11.8
Edinburgh	1,760	69.9	17,663	48.3	21,261	31.4
Aberdeen	256	-15.5	2,809	-13.4	3,775	-23.7
<b>Scottish Total</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>25,263</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>30,510</b>	<b>11.6</b>
<b>BAA Total</b>	<b>139,363</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>1,302,670</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>1,694,772</b>	<b>2.4</b>

Above data excludes Air Taxi passengers and Air Taxi movements.

## Market Comparison: December 2002

<i>Market</i>	<i>BAA Total Dec-01 (000s)</i>	<i>BAA Total Dec-02 (000s)</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Domestic	1,616	1,925	19.1
Eire	440	478	8.6
European Scheduled	2,973	3,518	18.3
European Charter*	515	539	4.7
North Atlantic	1,205	1,422	18.0
Other Long Haul	1,442	1,563	8.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,192</b>	<b>9,444</b>	<b>15.3</b>

## Market Comparison: Calendar Year 2002

<i>Market</i>	<i>BAA Total Jan-Dec 2001 (000s)</i>	<i>BAA Total Jan-Dec 2002 (000s)</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Domestic	22,084	24,096	9.1
Eire	5,976	6,326	5.8
European Scheduled	44,677	46,603	4.3
European Charter*	13,235	13,672	3.3
North Atlantic	17,953	17,833	-0.7
Other Long Haul	17,964	18,098	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>121,889</b>	<b>126,629</b>	<b>3.9</b>

\* includes North African Charter

Note: Origins and destinations are classified according to ultimate origin or destination of aircraft in the case of multi sector flights

Note: Figures for the market sectors have been rounded. Totals as per Traffic Summary