

Air China Limited Announces 2011 Third Quarter Results

Results Highlights

RMB billion	Q3 2011 (July-Sept)	Q3 2010 (July-Sept)	Change (%)	Jan-Sept 2011	Jan-Sept 2010	Change (%)
Operating Revenue	28.14	24.83	13.36	73.28	59.13	23.91
Operating Profit	5.41	6.83	-20.81	10.73	12.19	-12.01
Net Profit	3.80	5.17	-26.46	7.86	9.86	-20.26
Earnings per Share (RMB)	0.31	0.45	-31.11	0.65	0.85	-23.53

Hong Kong —October 27, 2011 — **Air China Limited** (“Air China” or “the Company,” together with its subsidiaries, collectively “the Group”) (HKEX: 00753; LSE: AIRC; SSE: 601111; ADR OTC: AIRYY), today announced its results¹ for the third quarter of 2011 (“the Period”).

Operating and Business Highlights

The Chinese economy has been growing steadily during the third quarter of 2011 and the impact of the high-speed railways on air travel was less than expected. The domestic airline industry has maintained its growth momentum. However, the impact of the ongoing economic instability in Europe and the US and fluctuations in oil prices have slowed down the growth of international traffic and cargo business. During the Period, the Group's operating revenue was RMB28.14 billion, an increase of 13.36% year-on-year. Operating profit decreased by 20.81% compared with the same period in 2010 to RMB5.41 billion. Net profit reached RMB3.80 billion, a drop of 26.46% compared with a net profit of RMB5.17 billion in the same period of 2010.

During the Period, passenger capacity, measured by Available Seat Kilometer (“ASK”), rose by 6.10% year-over-year to 39.36 billion. Passenger traffic measured by Revenue Passenger Kilometers (“RPK”) was 33.31 billion, up 8.94% from the same period in 2010. Passenger traffic or RPK on international, domestic and regional routes increased by 7.45%, 9.48% and 10.81% year-on-year to 9.61 billion, 22.31 billion and 1.39 billion respectively. The passenger load factor was 84.65%, an increase of 2.21 percentage points compared with the same period in 2010. The load factor for international, domestic

¹ All figures are unaudited and stated according to PRC GAAP.

and regional routes was 83.44%, 85.61% and 78.30% respectively, representing an increase of 0.65, 2.98 and 1.24 percentage points year-over-year respectively.

During the Period, cargo capacity as measured by Available Freight Tonne Kilometers (“AFTK”), increased by 1.58% year-on-year to 2.05 billion. Cargo traffic as measured by Revenue Freight Tonne Kilometers (“RFTK”), declined by 1.63% to 1.23 billion. The cargo and mail load factor was 59.80%, a decline of 1.95 percentage points year-on-year.

Outlook

Mr. Kong Dong, Chairman of Air China said, “The slowing down of global economic growth, high oil prices, tight aviation resources for flight slots and routes and competition from high speed railways have created immense pressure for the Company. However, the steady growth of the Chinese economy should continue to boost domestic consumption power. Thus, China will remain as an aviation market with one of the fastest growth rates in the world. Looking ahead, we will continue to adhere to the set strategies and enhance our competitiveness in domestic and international markets and achieve sustained development in the future.”

About Air China

Air China Limited (Air China) is the national flag carrier of China and a leading provider of air passenger, air cargo and airline-related services and products in China. Its operational headquarters is in Beijing, a major domestic and international hub in China. It also provides airline-related services, including aircraft maintenance, ground handling services in Beijing, Chengdu, and other locations. As of 30 June, 2011, the Company operated a fleet of 292 aircraft. The Company’s network covers 137 cities in 30 countries and regions. Air China was listed on Hong Kong Stock Exchange and London Stock Exchange on December 15, 2004 under codes 00753 and AIRC respectively. On August 18, 2006, Air China was listed on Shanghai Stock Exchange under code 601111. For further details, please visit Air China’s website: www.airchina.com.cn.

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