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**QUEENSLAND AIRPORTS LIMITED -
NEW RECORD MONTHLY RESULT FOR PASSENGER MOVEMENTS**

The three airports owned and operated by Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) at Gold Coast, Townsville and Mount Isa recorded almost 700,000 passenger movements collectively for the month of January.

This is a new record high for the QAL Group, eclipsing the previous record of 660,788 passengers set in December 2010.

Passenger movements increased by more than 17% compared to January 2010 for the QAL Group.

Gold Coast Airport achieved 558,600 passengers, also a new monthly record. This is the first time monthly throughput passed the 500,000 mark. The results show increase of 20% over the same month last year and 13% above the previous record set only last December.

Of this total for Gold Coast Airport, 478,500 were domestic passengers and more than 80,000 were international travellers.

Domestic passengers increased by almost 22% and international passenger numbers increased by more than 13%.

Townsville Airport reported a month of positive growth with almost 125,000 passengers in January 2011. This is an increase of almost 7% on January last year.

Mount Isa Airport had 15,000 passengers, a year on year increase of more than 17%.

QAL Managing Director Dennis Chant said the results bode well for a strong year.

“It is very positive to see all the QAL Group Airports continue to show growth in their year on year passenger movements.

“The record-breaking result of Gold Coast Airport is an excellent outcome. Like most Queensland destinations Gold Coast has had a tough introduction to 2011 however the continued strong growth in airline capacity through the airport helps the tourism industry by filling beds that would otherwise be vacant.

“The results of Townsville and Mount Isa Airports are also pleasing, with both ports recording very respectable growth figures to kick off the new year,” Mr Chant said.

Passenger movements for the QAL Group airports for January 2011 are summarised below:

Airport	Passengers – January 2011	Passengers – January 2010	Growth (compared to January 2010)
Gold Coast			
Domestic	478,554	393,467	21.62%
International	80,049	70,589	13.40%
Total	558,603	464,056	20.37%
Townsville	124,970	117,131	6.69%
Mount Isa	15,301	13,024	17.48%
QAL Group	698,874	594,211	17.61%

In 2010, the QAL Group in aggregate recorded more than 7.33 million passenger movements.

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