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Norwegian reports a 20 percent passenger growth in September

Norwegian continues to experience a considerable passenger growth. More than 1.2 million passengers flew with the airline in September, a 20 percent increase compared to the same month last year. A strong capacity increase and the launch of typical business destinations influence the September figures.

A total of 1.2 million passengers flew with Norwegian in September, an increase of a solid 200 000 passengers compared to September 2009.

"We're very happy to report yet another month of considerable passenger growth, which proves that our customers are satisfied with our product," said CEO Bjørn Kjos of Norwegian.

"The September traffic figures are influenced by the launch of routes to typical business destinations out of Finland, Sweden and Denmark. In addition to these new business routes, we have increased our capacity to Southern European destinations by as much as 70 percent from Norway and Denmark. In Sweden the capacity boost is even higher. Norwegian is increasingly better equipped to meet lower fares and competition through the introduction of brand new and more cost efficient Boeing 737-800 aircraft," said Kjos.

The load factor in September was 77 percent, the same as September last year and higher than previous months. The company operated 99.4 percent of its scheduled flights, of which 87.6 percent departed on time.

Please find more financial figures in the attached pdf.

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Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA, commercially branded “Norwegian,” is a public low-cost airline noted on the Oslo Stock Exchange. The company is the second largest airline in Scandinavia, and has a route portfolio that stretches across Europe into North Africa and the Middle East. With competitive prices and customer friendly solutions and service, the company has experienced significant growth over the previous years. With more than 10.7 million passengers in 2009, Norwegian is the 4th largest low-cost airline in Europe. The turnover in 2009 was in excess of NOK 7.3 billion. Norwegian currently operates 52 aircraft on 230 routes to 91 destinations and employs approximately 2 000 people.

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