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Norwegian sets new passenger record for third consecutive month

More than 1.3 million passengers flew with Norwegian in July, an increase of 274,000 (26 percent) compared to July 2009. Consequently, the airline sets a passenger record for the third consecutive month.

"I'm very pleased with the great boost in the July traffic figures. The airline industry has been facing turbulent times recently due to the closing of European airspace and third party strikes. However, the heavy passenger growth proves that our customers are confident that Norwegian and the airline industry in general are back on track," said Bjørn Kjos, Chief Executive Officer of Norwegian.

The load factor was 85 per cent in July, down 3 percent from last year. The airline operated 99.7 of its scheduled flights, of which 79.2 percent departed on time. Norwegian's punctuality was influenced by industrial actions by third party strikes in Greece and France, in addition to heavy slot delays in Northern Spain, France, Greece and Croatia due to congested airspace.

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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