

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **QUEENSLAND AIRPORTS LIMITED - PASSENGER MOVEMENTS SEPTEMBER 2010**

The three airports owned and operated by Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) at Gold Coast, Townsville and Mount Isa recorded more than 640,000 passenger movements collectively for the month of September.

This represented an increase of more than 10 % compared to September 2009; and an increase of more than 20,000 passengers from August 2010.

Gold Coast Airport had another strong month with more than 477,000 passengers, of which 408,000 were domestic and 70,000 international.

Townsville Airport accommodated 148,249 passenger movements in September 2010. This is an increase of 8.2% on September 2009.

Mount Isa Airport again had very positive growth with more than 19,500 passengers last month, an increase of more than 30% over the same time last year.

QAL Managing Director Dennis Chant said September yielded good results for Group.

“The QAL Group has recorded a positive month for passenger numbers across the board. We saw our three airports collectively reach more than 645,000 movements.

“This appears to reflect improved traffic results across the Australian network.

“This is the second highest passenger throughput figures we have achieved this year, behind our record of 651,000 passengers in July, and is ten per cent up on the same time last year.

“Gold Coast Airport continues to grow and is maintaining a very strong performance with international and domestic passengers both increasing by ten per cent.

“Townsville had another month of year on year growth at just over eight per cent, while Mount Isa again broke their all time monthly passenger throughput record with 19,572 passengers,” Mr Chant said.

Passenger movements for the three airports for September 2010 are summarised below:

| <b>Airport</b> | <b>Passengers –<br/>September 2010</b> | <b>Passengers –<br/>September 2009</b> | <b>Growth<br/>(compared to<br/>September 2009)</b> |
|----------------|--|--|--|
| Gold Coast     | 408,253                                | 370,144                                | +10.3%   |
| Domestic       | 69,358                                 | 63,131                                 | +9.9%  |
| International  | 477,611                                | 433,275                                | + 10.2%  |
| Total *        |  |  |  |
| Townsville     | 148,249                                | 137,038                                | + 8.2%   |
| Mount Isa      | 19,572                                 | 15,002                                 | +30.5%   |
| QAL Group      | 645,432                                | 585,315                                | + 10.3%  |

\* Excludes transit passengers.

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