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Deer Lake Regional Airport Continues Traffic Growth

January 15, 2007 Deer Lake, NL. The Deer Lake Regional Airport experienced another year of record passenger traffic in 2006. Passenger traffic increased 3% or by 7,062 passengers to reach a total of 232,156 for the year. The previous record of 225,094 passengers was established in 2005. The Airport has experienced an astonishing 77% increase in passenger traffic since the year 2000.

Carl Stratton, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Airport Authority, was pleased with the continuing upward trend. "This growth is even more impressive considering the loss of the CanJet service in September" said Stratton. "This increased activity certainly supports our business plan and will allow us to meet our development objectives," added Stratton.

The Airport Manager, Jamie Schwartz, highlighted the airport's performance during the past few years. "The year 2006 represents the 6th consecutive year of annual passenger traffic increases", said Schwartz. "Throughout this period we have experienced a considerable amount of volatility within the airline industry while maintaining and growing a very viable operation," added Schwartz.

Due to the significant growth in recent years, the Airport Authority has invested \$10 million in an Air Terminal Building expansion and renovation project. This project is underway with a final completion date scheduled for March, 2007.

The Deer Lake Regional Airport serves Western Newfoundland with twenty regularly scheduled flights each day to destinations including St. John's, Goose Bay, Halifax and Montreal with connections worldwide. Air Canada, Air Canada Jazz, Air Labrador and Provincial Airlines now offer a regular service to and from Deer Lake. The Airport also provides a winter and summer seasonal international charter service to and from the United Kingdom.

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