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中國國際航空股份有限公司 AIR CHINA LIMITED

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 00753)

ANNOUNCEMENT ON KEY OPERATING DATA OF APRIL 2021

The enclosed announcement (the "SSE Announcement") was published by Air China Limited ("Air China") on the Shanghai Stock Exchange on 14 May 2021, which contains combined operating data of Air China and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for April 2021. This announcement enclosing the SSE Announcement is made by Air China pursuant to Rules 13.09 and 13.10B of The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined in the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

The data in the enclosed SSE Announcement was calculated based on the internal statistics of the Group, which may differ from the data disclosed in the relative periodic reports. Investors are hereby reminded of the risks which may result from inappropriate reliance upon or utilization of the information given above.

By Order of the Board

Air China Limited

Zhou Feng

Company Secretary

Beijing, the PRC, 14 May 2021

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company are Mr. Song Zhiyong, Mr. Feng Gang, Mr. Patrick Healy, Mr. Xue Yasong, Mr. Duan Hongyi*, Mr. Stanley Hui Hon-chung* and Mr. Li Dajin*.

* Independent non-executive director of the Company

SSE ANNOUNCEMENT

The SSE Announcement is written in Chinese, with no official English translation. The English translation is provided solely for reference only. In case of any discrepancy between the two versions, the Chinese version shall prevail. The full version of the SSE Announcement is as follows:

AIR CHINA LIMITED ANNOUNCEMENT ON KEY OPERATING DATA OF APRIL 2021

In April 2021, Air China Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") recorded a year-on-year and a month-to-month increase in combined passenger traffic (measured by revenue passenger kilometers (the "RPK")). Passenger capacity (measured by available seat kilometers (the "ASK")) recorded a year-on-year increase of 178.7% and passenger traffic recorded a year-on-year increase of 217.6%. For domestic routes, passenger capacity increased by 182.0% and passenger traffic increased by 218.2%, as compared to the same period last year. For international routes, passenger capacity increased by 33.2% and passenger traffic increased by 43.1%, as compared to the same period last year. Passenger capacity and passenger traffic on regional routes recorded a large scale increase as compared to the same period last year. The overall passenger load factor was 74.5%, representing an increase of 9.1 percentage points as compared to the same period last year. The passenger load factor for domestic routes increased by 8.6 percentage points and for international routes increased by 2.9 percentage points as compared to the same period last year, and the passenger load factor for regional routes increased by 60.3 percentage points year-on-year.

In terms of cargo operations, cargo capacity (measured by available freight tonne kilometers (the "AFTK")) increased by 91.4% year-on-year. Cargo and mail traffic (measured by revenue freight tonne kilometers (the "RFTK")) increased by 93.8% and the volume of cargo and mail carried increased by 69.8%, as compared to the same period last year. The cargo load factor was 34.9%, representing a year-on-year increase of 0.4 percentage points.

In April 2021, the Group introduced two A350 aircraft and two A320NEO aircraft. As at the end of April 2021, the Group operated a fleet of 723 aircraft, including 293 self-owned aircraft, 221 aircraft under finance lease and 209 aircraft under operating lease.

The following table sets forth key operating data of April 2021:

	April 2021	Year-on- Year Change (%) ¹	Month- on-Month Change	Cumulative 2021	Year-on- Year Cumulative Change (%) ¹
I. Capacity					
1. ATK (in million) ²	2,655.2	134.1	7.1	8,375.4	30.8
Domestic	1,996.0	212.5	9.9	6,005.3	70.2
International	623.8	28.4	-1.3	2,262.3	-17.3
Regional	35.4	258.8	14.9	107.8	-23.6
2. ASK (in million) ³	17,103.4	178.7	7.1	52,716.9	12.6
Domestic	16,497.0	182.0	7.2	50,579.4	63.6
International	353.4	33.2	-3.8	1,423.1	-90.4
Regional	253.0	1,086.1	16.8	714.3	-36.3
3. AFTK (in million) ⁴	1,114.4	91.4	7.1	3,626.5	66.1
Domestic	512.0	355.0	18.5	1,455.1	94.7
International	592.0	28.2	-1.2	2,134.2	52.3
Regional	10.4	33.2	9.6	37.2	8.4
II. Traffic					
1. RTK (in million) ⁵	1,523.8	173.2	7.5	4,593.5	26.7
Domestic	1,227.5	192.5	8.5	3,575.9	65.9
International	277.1	103.6	1.8	968.5	-30.8
Regional	19.2	893.5	38.1	49.1	-31.2
2. RPK (in million) ⁶	12,736.3	217.6	10.1	36,270.0	14.8
Domestic	12,425.1	218.2	9.9	35,314.8	67.8
International	148.9	43.1	-1.1	579.2	-94.1
Regional	162.3	19,771.2	50.6	376.0	-44.1
3. RFTK (in million) ⁷	388.7	93.8	1.6	1,360.9	58.8
Domestic	121.8	69.5	1.0	432.2	40.1
International	263.8	108.0	1.9	917.0	69.7
Regional	3.1	64.3	-4.7	11.7	43.5

	April 2021	Year-on- Year Change (%) ¹	Month- on-Month Change	Cumulative 2021	Year-on- Year Cumulative Change (%) ¹
4. Number of Passengers carried (in thousand)	8,435.0	216.5	10.9	23,982.5	46.4
Domestic	8,311.8	213.8	10.7	23,650.3	68.9
International	24.1	53.5	-7.8	98.3	-94.9
Regional	99.1	16,524.8	46.3	233.9	-45.9
5. Total Cargo and Mail carried (in tonnes)	111,283.1	69.8	0.5	396,396.1	42.1
Domestic	75,098.2	64.2	2.4	265,836.8	36.5
International	34,246.9	85.4	-3.0	123,035.5	56.8
Regional	1,938.0	45.5	-5.7	7,523.9	31.4
III.Load Factor					
1. Passenger Load Factor (%) ⁸	74.5	9.1	2.0	68.8	1.3
Domestic	75.3	8.6	1.8	69.8	1.8
International	42.1	2.9	1.1	40.7	-26.3
Regional	64.1	60.3	14.4	52.6	-7.4
2. Cargo and Mail Load Factor (%) ⁹	34.9	0.4	-1.9	37.5	-1.7
Domestic	23.8	-40.1	-4.1	29.7	-11.6
International	44.6	17.1	1.4	43.0	4.4
Regional	29.3	5.5	-4.4	31.3	7.7
3. Overall Load Factor (%) ¹⁰	57.4	8.2	0.2	54.8	-1.8
Domestic	61.5	-4.2	-0.8	59.5	-1.6
International	44.4	16.4	1.4	42.8	-8.4
Regional	54.3	34.7	9.1	45.6	-5.0

Notes:

- 1. Change is expressed in percentage in terms of "Capacity" and "Traffic", and is expressed in percentage points in terms of "Load Factor"
- 2. "ATK(s)" refers to the number of tonnes of capacity available for transportation multiplied by the kilometers flown
- 3. "ASK(s)" refers to the number of seats available for sale multiplied by the kilometers flown
- 4. "AFTK(s)" refers to the number of tonnes of capacity available for the carriage of cargo and mail multiplied by the kilometers flown
- 5. "RTK(s)" refers to the revenue load (passenger and cargo) in tonnes multiplied by the kilometers flown
- 6. "RPK(s)" refers to the number of revenue passengers carried multiplied by the kilometers flown
- 7. "RFTK(s)" refers to the revenue cargo and mail load in tonnes multiplied by the kilometers flown
- 8. "Passenger Load Factor" refers to revenue passenger kilometers expressed as a percentage of available seat kilometers
- 9. "Cargo and Mail Load Factor" refers to revenue freight tonne kilometers expressed as a percentage of available freight tonne kilometers
- 10. "Overall Load Factor" refers to RTKs expressed as a percentage of available tonne kilometers

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Board of Directors of Air China Limited Beijing, the PRC, 14 May 2021