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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 MAY 2021

The enclosed announcement (the "SSE Announcement") was published by Air China Limited ("Air China") on the Shanghai Stock Exchange on 15 June 2021, which contains combined operating data of Air China and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for May 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, 15 June 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 MAY 2021

In May 2021, Air China Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") recorded a year-on-year increase and a slight month-to-month decrease 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 90.1% and passenger traffic recorded a year-on-year increase of 113.1%. For domestic routes, passenger capacity increased by 91.3% and passenger traffic increased by 113.7%, as compared to the same period last year. For international routes, passenger capacity decreased by 2.0% and passenger traffic decreased by 9.1%, 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 75.5%, representing an increase of 8.2 percentage points as compared to the same period last year. The passenger load factor for domestic routes increased by 8.1 percentage points and for international routes decreased by 3.4 percentage points as compared to the same period last year, and the passenger load factor for regional routes increased by 57.3 percentage points year-on-year.

In terms of cargo operations, cargo capacity (measured by available freight tonne kilometers (the "AFTK")) increased by 1.7% year-on-year. Cargo and mail traffic (measured by revenue freight tonne kilometers (the "RFTK")) increased by 25.4% and the volume of cargo and mail carried increased by 29.9%, as compared to the same period last year. The cargo load factor was 36.3%, representing a year-on-year increase of 6.9 percentage points.

In May 2021, the Group introduced one ARJ21 and three A320NEO aircraft. As at the end of May 2021, the Group operated a fleet of 727 aircraft, including 293 self-owned aircraft, 224 aircraft under finance lease and 210 aircraft under operating lease.

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

	May 2021	Year-on- Year Change (%) ¹	Month- on-Month Change (%) ¹	Cumulative 2021	Year-on- Year Cumulative Change (%) ¹
I. Capacity					
1. ATK (in million) ²	2,539.8	40.5	-4.3	10,878.4	32.6
Domestic	1,880.0	103.1	-5.7	7,848.6	76.6
International	618.7	-29.1	-0.8	2,881.0	-20.1
Regional	41.0	331.8	15.8	148.8	-1.2
2. ASK (in million) ³	16,712.7	90.1	-2.2	69,074.7	24.5
Domestic	16,048.6	91.3	-2.6	66,273.2	69.0
International	369.1	-2.0	4.5	1,792.3	-88.2
Regional	295.0	1,073.6	16.6	1,009.3	-11.9
3. AFTK (in million) ⁴	1,034.5	1.7	-7.1	4,656.2	45.5
Domestic	437.2	155.6	-14.6	1,887.4	105.7
International	585.5	-30.2	-1.1	2,719.7	21.4
Regional	11.8	68.5	13.6	49.0	18.6
II. Traffic					
1. RTK (in million) ⁵	1,497.0	80.9	-1.6	6,065.2	36.3
Domestic	1,209.9	102.2	-1.2	4,760.5	73.2
International	265.4	16.7	-4.2	1,233.8	-24.2
Regional	21.8	993.6	13.1	70.9	-3.4
2. RPK (in million) ⁶	12,623.9	113.1	-0.7	48,621.8	29.7
Domestic	12,283.4	113.7	-0.9	47,326.1	77.0
International	159.2	-9.1	6.9	738.4	-92.7
Regional	181.4	17,008.1	11.7	557.3	-17.2
3. RFTK (in million) ⁷	375.4	25.4	-3.4	1,735.2	50.2
Domestic	120.5	40.7	-1.1	551.5	40.2
International	251.2	18.6	-4.8	1,168.3	55.3
Regional	3.7	94.8	20.6	15.3	53.2

	May 2021	Year-on- Year Change (%) ¹	Month- on-Month Change (%) ¹	Cumulative 2021	Year-on- Year Cumulative Change (%) ¹
4. Number of Passengers carried (in thousand)	8,323.6	108.4	-1.0	32,054.1	57.7
Domestic	8,192.5	106.5	-1.1	31,590.7	76.2
International	23.8	-7.3	-1.5	122.1	-93.8
Regional	107.4	17,416.0	8.4	341.3	-21.1
5. Total Cargo and Mail carried (in tonnes)	108,630.5	29.9	-2.3	504,053.9	39.2
Domestic	74,558.8	36.8	-0.6	339,422.8	36.4
International	31,747.2	14.3	-7.3	154,782.7	45.7
Regional	2,324.5	75.6	19.9	9,848.4	39.7
III.Load Factor					
1. Passenger Load Factor (%) ⁸	75.5	8.2	1.2	70.4	2.9
Domestic	76.5	8.1	1.3	71.4	3.2
International	43.1	-3.4	1.0	41.2	-25.3
Regional	61.5	57.3	-2.7	55.2	-3.5
2. Cargo and Mail Load Factor (%) ⁹	36.3	6.9	1.4	37.3	1.2
Domestic	27.6	-22.5	3.8	29.2	-13.7
International	42.9	17.7	-1.7	43.0	9.4
Regional	31.1	4.2	1.8	31.3	7.1
3. Overall Load Factor (%) ¹⁰	58.9	13.2	1.6	55.8	1.5
Domestic	64.4	-0.3	2.9	60.7	-1.2
International	42.9	16.8	-1.5	42.8	-2.3
Regional	53.1	32.1	-1.2	47.6	-1.1

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, 15 June 2021