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Traffic Grows at Frankfurt Airport Despite Pilot Strike

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Larger Aircraft Result in Capacity Growth; Number of Passengers Per Aircraft Movement Increases

In the first half of 2001, almost 24 million passengers used Frankfurt Airport (FRA) - 2.6 percent or 600,000 more passengers than in the same six-month period last year. While an increase of almost six percent was still registered during the first quarter of 2001, in the second quarter growth weakened noticeably, particularly because of the Lufthansa pilot strike.

"We expect that we will reach a clearly higher level of passenger growth for all of 2001, than could be achieved in the first half of the year," said Dr. Wilhelm Bender, Chairman of Fraport AG's Executive Board.

Due to the weakening global economy, above all, FRA's airfreight tonnage dropped 0.7 percent in the first half of 2001. The strong growth in the first quarter of 2001 was followed by a marked decline in the second quarter. Nevertheless, Frankfurt Airport remains the number one air cargo gateway in all of Europe.

Although the number of aircraft movements at FRA grew only slightly by about 1 percent over the first half of 2000, the average number of passengers per flight increased by 1.7 percent. The Maximum Takeoff Weights (MTOWs) increased by 3.8 percent during the same period. This means a higher share of large aircraft at FRA and, thus, a capacity increase per aircraft movement. MTOWs are important for the calculation of take-off and landing charges.

Fraport AG will issue its financial results for the first half of 2001 on August 23.

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Traffic Figures for the First Half 2001, Frankfurt Airport

	Passengers	Airfreight	Airmail
	in millions	in '000s metric tons	in '000s metric tons
1st Half 2001	24.0	744	69
1st Quarter	11.0	381	36
2nd Quarter	13.0	364	33
1st Half 2000	23.4	749	67
1st Quarter	10.4	359	35
2nd Quarter	13.0	390	33
Change			
Half Year 01 /			
Half Year 00	2.6 %	-0.7 %	3.0 %

Change

1st Q 01 /			
1st Q 00	5.8 %	6.1%	2.9 %

Change			
2nd Q 01 /			
2nd Q 00	0.0 %	-6.7 %	0.0 %

Aircraft Movements	Max. Takeoff Weight (MTOW)		
in '000s	in '000s metric tons		

1st Half 2001	226	12,679
1st Quarter	110	6,128
2nd Quarter	116	6,551

1st Half 2000	224	12,210
1st Quarter	108	5,758
2nd Quarter	116	6,452

Change		
Half Year 01 /		
Half Year 00	0.9 %	3.8 %

Change		
1st Q 01 /		
1st Q 00	1.9 %	6.4 %

Change		
2nd Q 01 /		
2nd Q 00	0.0 %	1.5 %

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