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Record growth and new routes for London Luton Airport

London Luton Airport (LLA) recorded a 16% increase in passengers last month compared to the same period last year. 1.3 million people chose to travel through the airport in July, marking 16 months' consecutive growth.

19 new routes have been confirmed for 2015 and in July SunExpress launched flights to Izmir on Turkey's west coast. Further new routes planned this year include flights to Innsbruck and Vienna with easyJet and Tel Aviv and Ovda operated by Monarch Airlines.

With continued passenger growth expected, LLA is investing £100 million into the airport to increase annual capacity from 12 million to 18 million by 2026, as well as delivering major upgrades to the airport's facilities, including:

- A complete redesign of the terminal to create a quick, efficient, friendly and convenient passenger experience.
- Doubling existing retail space and the development of a new world-class executive lounge.
- Major upgrades to transport links, including better road access to the M1, new car parking facilities, a remodelled bus and coach interchange and improved rail links.

Visit www.transforminglla.com for details of the improvements

Nick Barton, CEO of LLA, said: "We are on track for a record-breaking summer.

The continuing growth in passenger numbers makes our £100 million redevelopment project essential to the role LLA plays in easing capacity issues in the South East of England.”

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Notes to Editors

London Luton Airport (LLA) is one of the UK’s largest airports and carried 10.5 million passengers in 2014. The Airport indirectly employs over 8,600 staff and is a key economic driver for the region.

easyJet, Wizz Air, Ryanair, Monarch, Thomson, EL AL, Atlasglobal, Blue Air, TAROM, SunExpress, Iberia (Air Nostrum), La Compagnie and VLM operate from the airport, departing to over 100 destinations including services to Europe, Africa, and Asia.

The Airport is operated and developed by a consortium of which the majority shareholder is AENA, the world’s largest airport operator, and Ardian, a major European investor.

LLA is currently investing over £100million to transform the Airport and increase capacity from 12 million to 18million passengers per year by 2026. The redevelopment plans will include a complete redesign of the terminal, bringing in new and exciting retail and dining options, and major upgrades to transport links, including better road access to the M1, new car parking facilities, a remodelled bus and coach interchange and improved rail links.

London Luton Airport (LLA) is one of the UK's largest airports and carried more than 16 million passengers in 2018. The airport employs over 9,400 staff and is a key economic driver for the region.

easyJet, Wizz Air, Ryanair, Thomas Cook Airlines, Tui, EL AL, Blue Air, TAROM, SunExpress, Iberia (Air Nostrum) and Vueling currently operate from the airport. The airport's route network serves more than 140 destinations including services to Europe, Africa, and Asia.

The airport is operated and developed by a consortium of which the majority shareholder is AENA, the world's largest airport operator, and AMP Capital, a specialist global investment manager.

LLA has invested over £160million to transform the airport and increase capacity from 12 million to 18 million passengers per year by 2020. The redevelopment included a complete redesign of the terminal, bringing in new and exciting shops and restaurants and major upgrades to transport links, including better road access to the M1, new car parking facilities, a remodelled bus and coach interchange and improved rail links to Luton Airport Parkway station. In addition, plans for a new £200 million light rail system linking the airport with Luton Airport Parkway station have been announced and are anticipated to be completed by 2021. The project is being delivered by the airport owners, LLAL – a company owned by Luton Borough Council.