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Southwest Airlines Reports January Traffic

DALLAS, Feb. 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. announced today that the Company flew 5.5 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in January 2008, a 5.9 percent increase from the 5.2 billion RPMs flown in January 2007. Available seat miles (ASMs) increased 5.3 percent to 8.5 billion from the January 2007 level of 8.1 billion. The load factor for the month was 64.2 percent, compared to 63.8 percent for the same period last year.

This release, as well as past news releases on Southwest, are available online at http://www.southwest.com/?src=IR_020508.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	JANUARY		
	2008	2007	CHANGE
Revenue passengers carried	6,635,207	6,328,131	4.9 %
Enplaned passengers	7,654,262	7,284,949	5.1 %
Revenue passenger miles (000)	5,485,282	5,179,127	5.9 %
Available seat miles (000)	8,548,433	8,120,267	5.3 %
Load factor	64.2%	63.8%	0.4 pts.
Average length of haul	827	818	1.1 %
Trips flown	100,360	94,750	5.9 %

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.