

Southwest Airlines Reports Third Quarter Results

Record operating revenues of \$4.3 billion

Third quarter operating income of \$225 million

Mark-down in 2012 through 2015 fuel hedge portfolio drives GAAP net loss

Third quarter profit, excluding special items

DALLAS, Oct. 20, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) (the "Company") today reported its third quarter 2011 results. The Company reported a third quarter 2011 net loss of \$140 million, or \$.18 per share, which included \$262 million (net) of unfavorable special items. This compared to net income of \$205 million, or \$.27 per diluted share, for third quarter 2010, which included favorable special items totaling \$10 million (net). The Company's operating income was \$225 million for third quarter 2011, compared to \$355 million for third quarter 2010. Excluding special items, third quarter 2011 net income was \$122 million, or \$.15 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$195 million, or \$.26 per diluted share, in third quarter 2010. This exceeded Thomson's First Call mean estimate of \$.14 per diluted share for third quarter 2011. Additional information regarding special items is included in this release and in the accompanying reconciliation tables.

As required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and accounting pronouncements pertaining to derivative instruments and hedging, the Company's third quarter 2011 results include \$227 million (net) in unrealized, noncash mark-downs relating to a portion of the Company's fuel hedges for future periods. Actual net cash settlements paid to counterparties for the Company's third quarter 2011 hedging activities were \$13 million. The Company believes it is more meaningful to provide its financial results on an "economic" basis reflecting its actual net cash outlays for fuel consumed during the current period, inclusive of settled fuel derivative contracts, as current market prices are not always indicative of actual future settlements. As a result, the Company also provides its financial results, excluding these unrealized, noncash special items, to provide a better measure of the impact of the Company's fuel hedges on its current period operating performance and liquidity. The actual cash impact of hedges related to fuel to be consumed in future periods will be reported in the applicable future economic results.

Gary C. Kelly, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Excluding special items, third quarter 2011 operating income was \$285 million, and third quarter 2011 net income was \$122 million. Total third quarter operating revenues were very strong and reached an all-time quarterly record of \$4.3 billion. Passenger revenues were driven by strong load factors, revenue yields, and unit revenues, which were all third quarter records. Third quarter passenger unit revenues increased approximately six percent, compared to third quarter last year (on a combined basis as defined below). Despite the cautious economic outlook, our booking trends remain strong. Importantly, business travel has remained stable since spring. Based on October traffic and booking trends, thus far, we expect solid passenger unit revenue year-over-year growth in the fourth quarter. Also, third quarter 2011 Other revenues grew approximately 18 percent, compared to third quarter last year (on a combined basis as defined below), largely due to the All-New Rapid Rewards® program and continued growth in our EarlyBird Check-In™ revenues. While it is disappointing to report a decline in earnings excluding special items, I was pleased with our strong third quarter revenue performance.

"In accordance with fuel hedge accounting rules, our third quarter GAAP net results included \$227 million of unrealized, noncash mark-downs relating to future periods' fuel hedges. These special items resulted in a GAAP net loss for the quarter; however, since September 30th, market prices have rebounded, and our future fuel hedge portfolio has gained back over \$300 million in fair value. Our economic fuel costs per gallon, which excludes this GAAP mark-down, increased approximately 34 percent compared to third quarter last year. This surge in fuel costs caused our quarterly profits to decline despite record revenue results."

AirTran became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company on May 2, 2011. Results discussed in this release and provided in the accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Comparative Consolidated Operating Statistics include the results of operations and cash flows for AirTran from May 2, 2011 through September 30, 2011, including the impact of purchase accounting. Periods presented prior to the acquisition date do not include AirTran's results. However, the Company believes the analysis of specified financial results on a "combined basis" provides more meaningful year-over-year comparability. Financial information presented on a "combined basis" is the sum of the historical financial results of the Company and AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date, but includes the impact of purchase accounting only as of May 2, 2011. Supplemental financial information presented on a "combined basis" and the accompanying reconciliations have been included in this release.

Financial Results and Outlook

The Company's total operating revenues for third quarter 2011 increased 35.1 percent to \$4.3 billion, compared to \$3.2 billion for third quarter 2010. Operating unit revenues increased 3.6 percent, compared to third quarter 2010. Operating unit revenues increased 6.7 percent from third quarter 2010's combined unit revenues.

Total third quarter 2011 operating expenses were \$4.1 billion, compared to \$2.8 billion in third quarter 2010. Excluding special items, third quarter 2011 unit costs increased 10.1 percent from third quarter 2010, largely due to a 34 percent year-over-year increase in economic fuel costs per gallon. Third quarter 2011 economic fuel costs of \$3.18 per gallon included \$.02 per gallon in unfavorable cash settlements for fuel derivative contracts, and a \$.04 per gallon benefit from refunds of fuel sales taxes. Based on the Company's fourth quarter 2011 fuel hedge position and market prices (as of October 17th), fourth quarter 2011 economic fuel costs, including fuel taxes, are estimated to be approximately \$3.30 per gallon. Additional information regarding the Company's fuel derivative contracts is included in the accompanying tables.

Excluding fuel and special items in both periods, third quarter 2011 unit costs decreased 1.2 percent from third quarter 2010. Excluding fuel and special items in both periods, third quarter 2011 unit costs increased 1.5 percent from third quarter 2010's combined 7.27 cents.

Based on current cost trends, the Company expects another modest year-over-year increase in its fourth quarter 2011 unit costs, compared to fourth quarter 2010's combined unit costs of 7.72 cents, excluding fuel and special items in both periods.

Operating income for third quarter 2011 was \$225 million, compared to \$355 million in third quarter 2010. Excluding special items in both periods, operating income was \$285 million for third quarter 2011, compared to \$389 million for third quarter 2010, and compared to \$447 million for third quarter 2010 on a combined basis.

Other expenses were \$451 million for third quarter 2011, compared to \$23 million for third quarter 2010. The \$428 million increase in total other expenses primarily resulted from \$405 million in Other losses recognized in third quarter 2011, compared to \$13 million in Other gains recognized in third quarter 2010. In both periods, these net Other gains/losses primarily resulted from unrealized gains/losses associated with a portion of the Company's fuel hedging portfolio. Excluding these special items, Other losses were \$36 million in third quarter 2011 and \$37 million in third quarter 2010, each attributable to the premium costs associated with the Company's fuel derivative contracts. Fourth quarter 2011 premium costs are currently estimated to be approximately \$14 million. Third quarter 2011 net interest expense increased approximately \$10 million from third quarter 2010 primarily due to additional debt held by the Company as a result of the AirTran acquisition.

Total operating revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 increased 28.5 percent to \$11.6 billion, while total operating expenses increased 33.9 percent to \$11 billion, resulting in operating income of \$546 million, versus \$772 million for the comparable period in 2010. Excluding special items in both periods, operating income was \$672 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, compared to \$905 million for the same period last year. On a combined basis, total operating revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 increased 13.9 percent to \$12.5 billion, while total operating expenses increased 19.2 percent to \$12 billion, resulting in combined year-to-date operating income for 2011 of \$515 million, compared to \$916 million for the same period last year. Excluding special items in both periods, combined operating income for nine months ended September 30, 2011 was \$667 million, compared to \$1.1 billion for the same period last year.

Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was \$26 million, or \$.03 per diluted share, compared to \$328 million, or \$.44 per diluted share, for the same period last year. Excluding special items, year-to-date net income for 2011 was \$263 million, or \$.34 per diluted share, compared to \$436 million, or \$.58 per diluted share, for the same period last year.

The Company's return on invested capital (before taxes and excluding special items) was approximately eight percent for the twelve months ended September 30, 2011, including AirTran's results beginning May 2, 2011. Additional information regarding pretax return on invested capital is included in the accompanying reconciliation tables.

AirTran Acquisition

"I am pleased with the overall progress we are making on our AirTran integration," stated Kelly. "We continue to work with the Federal Aviation Administration to obtain our single operating certificate, which we expect to receive in first quarter 2012. We expect to have the capability to connect the networks of both airlines in first half 2012; however, we have already begun to optimize the coordinated flight schedules.

"The negotiating committees and respective boards of the Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association and the Air Line Pilots Association approved a framework for Pilot seniority list integration, and the agreement has gone to the memberships for vote. I commend the Flight Attendants' unions from both airlines for recently agreeing on a process agreement, laying the framework to reach a seniority list integration agreement.

"Although we have much work ahead, much has already been accomplished. Thus far, we have produced \$60 million (before taxes and profitsharing) in annualized cost synergies, primarily attributable to renegotiation of certain AirTran contracts and reduction of corporate overhead. We remain focused on achieving our target of net annual pre-tax synergies in excess of \$400 million by 2013."

The Company has incurred \$97 million in costs (before taxes) associated with the acquisition and integration of AirTran during 2011, including \$22 million in third quarter 2011. The Company expects total acquisition and integration expenses will be approximately \$500 million.

Including the anticipated benefit of net synergies, but excluding the impact of acquisition and integration expenses, the Company expects the acquisition to be accretive to its fully-diluted earnings per share for full year 2011.

Liquidity

Net cash provided by operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was \$985 million, which reflects the payment of \$429 million in fuel hedge collateral deposits to counterparties related to the unfavorable change in the market value of the Company's future periods' fuel portfolio. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, capital expenditures were \$548 million. As a result, the Company has generated approximately \$400 million free cash flow* thus far in 2011. Based on current trends and projected 2011 capital expenditures of \$800 to \$900 million, the Company expects to generate free cash flow for the full year 2011.

On August 5, 2011, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program to acquire up to \$500 million of the Company's common stock. During third quarter 2011, the Company purchased approximately 21 million shares of common stock for approximately \$175 million. The Company also repaid \$191 million in debt during the nine months ended September 30, 2011, and is scheduled to repay approximately \$446 million in debt during fourth quarter 2011. The Company ended third quarter 2011 with \$3.7 billion in cash and short-term investments, net of \$458 million in net cash collateral paid to its fuel hedge counterparties. In addition, the Company also had a fully available unsecured revolving credit line of \$800 million.

Awards and recognitions

- Named the Stevie Award Winner for the Company of the Year-Transportation by The International Business Awards for outstanding performance and Customer Service
- Received the 2011 Quest for Quality Award for Excellence in Air Cargo from Logistics Management Magazine; ranked first in ontime performance, value, and Customer Service

Recognized as one of the top ten safest airlines in the Holistic Safety Rating 2011 by the Air Transport Rating Agency

Southwest will discuss its third quarter 2011 results on a conference call at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time today. A live broadcast of the conference call will also be available at southwest.com/investor_relations.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Specific forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements related to (i) the Company's financial outlook; (ii) the Company's plans and expectations related to managing risk associated with changing jet fuel prices; (iii) the Company's plans and expectations relating to its acquisition of AirTran, including without limitation the Company's integration and network plans and expectations, as well as expected costs, synergies, and other financial results associated with the acquisition; and (iv) the Company's expectations with respect to liquidity. These forward-looking statements are based on the Company's current intent, expectations, and projections and are not guarantees of future performance. These statements involve risks, uncertainties, assumptions, and other factors that are difficult to predict and that could cause actual results to vary materially from those expressed in or indicated by them. Factors include, among others, (i) changes in the price of aircraft fuel, the impact of hedge accounting, and any changes to the Company's fuel hedging strategies and positions; (ii) the impact of the economy on demand for air travel and the impact of fuel prices, economic conditions, and actions of competitors on the Company's business decisions, plans, and strategies; (iii) the Company's ability to successfully integrate AirTran and realize the expected synergies and other benefits from the transaction; (iv) the Company's ability to timely and effectively implement, transition, and maintain the necessary information technology systems and infrastructure to support its operations and initiatives; and (v) other factors, as described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the detailed factors discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (1) (in millions, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,						Nine months Septembe			
	2	011	20	010	Percent Change	2	2011	2	010	Percent Change
OPERATING REVENUES:										
Passenger	\$	4,014	\$	3,032	32.4	\$	10,829	\$	8,544	26.7
Freight		35		31	12.9		103		94	9.6
Other		262		129	103.1 35.1		618		352 8.990	75.6 28.5
Total operating revenues		4,311		3,192	35.1		11,550		8,990	28.5
OPERATING EXPENSES:										
Salaries, wages, and benefits		1,146		938	22.2		3,226		2,748	17.4
Fuel and oil		1,586		926	71.3		4,150		2,681	54.8
Maintenance materials and repairs		272		196	38.8		717		556	29.0
Aircraft rentals		90		43	109.3		214		135	58.5
Landing fees and other rentals		257		210	22.4		705		606	16.3
Depreciation and amortization		191 22		161 1	18.6		523 97		469 1	11.5
Acquisition and integration Other operating expenses		522		362	n.a. 44.2		1,372		1,022	n.a. 34.2
Total operating expenses		4.086		2,837	44.0		11.004		8,218	33.9
Total operating expenses		4,000		2,007	44.0		11,004		0,210	33.9
OPERATING INCOME		225		355	(36.6)		546		772	(29.3)
OTHER EXPENSES (INCOME):										
Interest expense		50		43	16.3		143		126	13.5
Capitalized interest		(3)		(5)	(40.0)		(8)		(15)	(46.7)
Interest income		(1)		(2)	(50.0)		(8)		(9)	(11.1)
Other (gains) losses, net		405		(13)	n.a.		351		138	n.a
Total other expenses		451		23	n.a.		478		240	99.2
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES		(226)		332	(168.1)		68		532	(87.2)
PROVISION (BÉNEFIT) FOR INCOME TAXES		`(86)		127	(167.7)		42		204	(79.4)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$	(140)	\$	205	(168.3)	\$	26	\$	328	(92.1)
NET INCOME (LOCAL DEPONANT										
NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE Basic	\$	(0.18)	•	0.27		•	0.03	\$	0.44	
Diluted	\$	(0.18)	\$ \$	0.27		\$ \$	0.03	\$ \$	0.44	
Diluted	φ	(0.10)	φ	0.21		φ	0.03	φ	0.44	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING:										
Basic		792		746			773		745	
Diluted		792		747			774		746	

⁽¹⁾ Includes May through September 2011 financial results for AirTran, and the impact of purchase accounting as of May 2, 2011. See Supplemental Combined Statement I for selected financial information on a combined basis, including AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date.

^{*}See Note Regarding use of Non-GAAP financial measures.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. RECONCILIATION OF REPORTED AMOUNTS TO NON-GAAP ITEMS (1) (SEE NOTE REGARDING USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES) (in millions, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,					
		2011		2010	Percent Change		2011		2010	Percent Change
Fuel and oil expense, unhedged Add: Fuel hedge losses included in Fuel and oil expense	\$	1,549 37	\$	837 89		\$	4,125 25	\$	2,411 270	
Fuel and oil expense, as reported (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts (2)	\$	1,586 (24)	\$	926 (33)		\$	4,150 (17)	\$	2,681 (132)	
Fuel and oil expense, economic	\$	1,562	\$	893	74.9	\$	4,133	\$	2,549	62.1
Total operating expenses, as reported (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts (2)	\$	4,086 (24)	\$	2,837 (33)		\$	11,004 (17)	\$	8,218 (132)	
Total operating expenses, economic (Deduct): Charge for Asset impairment, net (3)	\$	4,062 (14)	\$	2,804		\$	10,987	\$	8,086	
(Deduct): Charge for Acquisition and integration costs, net (4) Total operating expenses, non-GAAP	-\$	(22) 4,026	\$	2,803	43.6	\$	(95) 10,878	\$	<u>(1)</u> 8,085	34.5
Operating income, as reported	\$	225	\$	355		\$	546	\$	772	
Add: Net impact from fuel contracts (2) Operating income, economic	\$	24 249	\$	33		\$	17 563	\$	132 904	
Add: Charge for Asset impairment, net (3) Add: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs, net (4)		14 22		1			14 95		1	
Operating income, non-GAAP	_\$	285	\$	389	(26.7)	\$	672	\$	905	(25.7)
Other (gains) losses, net, as reported Add/(Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts (2)	\$	405 (369)		(13) 50		\$	351 (257)		138 (39)	
Other losses, net, non-GAAP	\$	36	\$	37	(2.7)	\$	94	\$	99	(5.1)
Income (loss) before income taxes, as reported Add/(Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts (2)	\$	(226) 393	\$	332 (17)		\$	68 274	\$	532 171	
Add: Charge for Asset impairment, net (3)	\$	167 14	\$	315		\$	342 14	\$	703	
Add: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs, net (4) Income before income taxes, non-GAAP	\$	22 203	\$	316	(35.8)	\$	95 451	\$	704	(35.9)
Net income (loss) as reported Add/(Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts (2)	\$	(140) 393	\$	205 (17)		\$	26 274	\$	328 171	
Income tax impact of fuel contracts	\$	(154) 99	\$	7 195		\$	(105) 195	\$	(64) 435	
Add: Charge for Asset impairment, net (5) Add: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs, net (5)	φ	9 14	Ţ			¥	9 59	φ	435 - 1	
Net income, non-GAAP	\$	122	\$	195	(37.4)	\$	263	\$	436	(39.7)
Net income (loss) per share, diluted, as reported Add/(Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts	\$	(0.18) 0.30		0.27 (0.01)		\$	0.03 0.22		0.44 0.14	
Add: Impact of special items, net (5)	\$	0.12 0.03		0.26		\$	0.25 0.09		0.58	
Net income per share, diluted, non-GAAP	\$	0.15	\$	0.26	(42.3)	\$	0.34	\$	0.58	(41.4)

⁽¹⁾ Includes May through September 2011 financial results for AirTran, and the impact of purchase accounting as of May 2, 2011. See Supplemental Combined Statement II for a reconciliation of selected combined amounts to non-GAAP items, including AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date.
(2) See Reconciliation of Impact from Fuel Contracts.
(3) Net of profitsharing impact.
(4) Amounts net of profitsharing impact on charges incurred through March 31, 2011. The Company amended its profitsharing plan during second quarter 2011 to defer the profitsharing impact of integration costs incurred from April 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013. The profitsharing impact will be realized in 2014 and beyond.
(5) Amounts net of tax and profitsharing impact (see footnote (4) above).

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. RECONCILIATION OF IMPACT FROM FUEL CONTRACTS (1) (SEE NOTE REGARDING USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES) (in millions) (unaudited)

	Three months Septembe	r 30,	Nine months Septembe	r 30,
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Fuel & Oil Expense Reclassification between Fuel & Oil and Other gains (losses), net, associated with current period settled contracts Contracts settling in the current period, but for which gains and/or losses have been recognized in a prior period * Impact from fuel contracts to Fuel & oil expense	\$ 3 \$ (27) (24)	1 \$ (34) (33)	(6) \$ (11) (17)	13 (145) (132)
Operating Income Reclassification between Fuel & Oil and Other gains (losses), net, associated with current period settled contracts Contracts settling in the current period, but for which gains and/or losses have been recognized in a prior period * Impact from fuel contracts to Operating Income	\$ (3) \$ 27 24	(1) \$	6 \$ 11 17	(13) 145 132
Other (gains) losses Mark-to-market impact from fuel contracts settling in current and future periods Ineffectiveness from fuel hedges settling in future periods Reclassification between Fuel and oil and Other gains (losses), net, associated with current period settled contracts Impact from fuel contracts to Other (gains) losses	\$ (288) \$ (78) (3) (369)	27 \$ 24 (1) 50	(148) \$ (115) 6 (257)	(4) (22) (13) (39)
Net Income Mark-to-market impact from fuel contracts settling in current and future periods Ineffectiveness from fuel hedges settling in future periods Other net impact of fuel contracts settling in the current or a prior period (excluding reclassifications) Impact from fuel contracts to Net Income **	\$ 288 \$ 78	(27) \$ (24) 34 (17)	148 \$ 115 <u>11</u> <u>274</u>	4 22 145 171

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. SELECTED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL INFORMATION DETAIL OF AIRLINE THIRD QUARTER 2011 RESULTS AND PURCHASE ACCOUNTING IMPACT (in millions) (unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30, 2011										
		Southwest (1)	<u> </u>	AirTran (2)	Purchase Accounting (3)			Consolidated			
OPERATING REVENUES:	•	3.359	\$	656	\$	(1)	\$	4,014			
Passenger Freight	Þ	35	Þ	-	Φ	-	φ	35			
Other Total operating revenues	_	160 3,554		102 758		(1)		262 4,311			
OPERATING EXPENSES:											
Salaries, wages, and benefits		1,005		141		-		1,146			
Fuel and oil		1,272		314		-		1,586			
Maintenance materials and repairs		206		66				272			
Aircraft rentals		41		59		(10)		90			
Landing fees and other rentals		214		43		-		257			
Depreciation and amortization		166		16		9		191			
Acquisition and integration		19		3		-		22			
Other operating expenses		424		98				522			
Total operating expenses		3,347		740		(1)		4,086			
OPERATING INCOME		207		18		-		225			

- (1) Results presented for Southwest exclude AirTran results and the impact of purchase accounting. (2) Results presented for AirTran exclude Southwest results and the impact of purchase accounting. (3) Represents the impact of purchase accounting.

⁽¹⁾ Includes May through September 2011 financial results for AirTran.

* As a result of prior hedge ineffectiveness and/or contracts marked to market through earnings

** Excludes income tax impact of unrealized items

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. RECONCILIATION OF SELECTED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO NON-GAAP ITEMS (1) (SEE NOTE REGARDING USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES) (In millions)

(unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30							
		Southwest		AirTran				
Fuel and oil expense, standalone unhedged	\$	1,232	\$	317				
Add/(Deduct): Fuel hedge (gains) losses included in Fuel and oil expense		40		(3)				
Fuel and oil expense, standalone (2)	\$	1,272	\$	314				
Deduct: Net impact from fuel contracts (3)		(24)						
Fuel and oil expense, standalone economic	\$	1,248	\$	314				
Total operating expenses, standalone (2)	\$	3,346	\$	740				
Deduct: Net impact from fuel contracts (3)		(24)		-				
Total operating expenses, standalone economic	\$	3,322	\$	740				
Deduct: Charge for Asset impairment, net (4)		(14)		-				
Deduct: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs (5)		(19)	_	(3)				
Total operating expenses, standalone non-GAAP	\$	3,289	\$	737				
Operating income, standalone (2)	\$	207	\$	18				
Add: Net impact from fuel contracts (3)		24						
Operating income, standalone economic	\$	231	\$	18				
Add: Charge for Asset impairment, net (4)		14		-				
Add: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs (5)		19	_	3				
Operating income, standalone non-GAAP	\$	264	\$	21				

- (1) Selected amounts presented in this schedule are standalone non-GAAP financial results for each of Southwest and AirTran. These standalone results exclude the results of the other airline, and the
- (1) Selected amounts presented in this schedule are standalone non-GAAP financial results for each of Southwest and Air Iran. These standalone results exclude the results of the other ariline, and the impact of purchase accounting.

 (2) See Selected Consolidating Financial Information Detail of Airline Third Quarter 2011 Results and Purchase Accounting Impact for the detail of standalone airline results and the purchase accounting impact.

 (3) See Reconciliation of Impact from Fuel Contracts.

 (4) Net of profitsharing impact.

 (5) No profitsharing impact. The Company amended its profitsharing plan during second quarter 2011 to defer the profitsharing impact of integration costs incurred from April 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013. The profitsharing impact will be realized in 2014 and beyond.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATISTICS (1) (unaudited)

			Nine months ended September 30,											
		2011		2010	(Chan	ge		2011			2010	Cha	ange
Revenue passengers carried		28,208,036		22,879,097		23.3	%		76,437,631			65,739,354	16.3	%
Enplaned passengers		35,010,060		27,814,896	2	25.9	%		94,040,092			79,063,561	18.9	· %
Revenue passenger miles (RPMs) (000s)		27,322,289		20,673,082			%		72,402,024			58,041,024	24.7	%
Available seat miles (ASMs) (000s)		33,318,089		25,557,692		30.4	%		89,281,174			73,648,997	21.2	. %
Load factor		82.0	%	80.9	9 %	1.1	pts		81.1	%		78.8		pts
Average length of passenger haul (miles)		969		904		7.2	%		947			883	7.2	
Average aircraft stage length (miles)		690		653		5.7	%		679			646	5.1	
Trips flown		359,630	_	287,200	2	25.2	%		974,221			836,314	16.5	
Average passenger fare	\$	142.31	\$				%	\$	141.67		\$	129.97	9.0	
Passenger revenue yield per RPM (cents)		14.69		14.67			%		14.96			14.72	1.6	
RASM (cents)		12.94		12.49			%		12.94			12.21	6.0	
PRASM (cents)		12.05		11.86			%		12.13			11.60	4.6	
CASM (cents)		12.26		11.10	•		%		12.32			11.16	10.4	
CASM, excluding fuel (cents)		7.50		7.47		0.4	%		7.68			7.52	2.1	%
CASM, excluding special items (cents)		12.08		10.97		10.1	%		12.18			10.98	10.9	
CASM, excluding fuel and special items (cents)	•	7.38	•	7.47 2.23		1.2)	%	•	7.56 3.15		•	7.52 2.23	0.5	
Fuel costs per gallon, including fuel tax (unhedged)	Þ	3.16	\$					Þ			\$		41.3	
Fuel costs per gallon, including fuel tax	Þ	3.23 3.18	\$	2.47 2.38			% %	Ď	3.17 3.16		Þ	2.48 2.36	27.8 33.9	
Fuel costs per gallon, including fuel tax (economic)	ф	3.18 490	\$	2.38			%	Þ			Ф		21.6	
Fuel consumed, in gallons (millions) Active fulltime equivalent Employees		45,112		34,836			%		1,307 45,112			1,075 34,836	29.5	
Active fullithe equivalent Employees Aircraft in service at period-end		699		547		29.5 27.8	%		699			547	27.8	

PRASM (Passenger unit revenue) - Passenger revenue yield per ASM RASM (unit revenue) - Operating revenue yield per ASM CASM (unit costs) - Operating expenses per ASM

(1) Includes May through September 2011 operating statistics for AirTran, and the impact of purchase accounting as of May 2, 2011. See Supplemental Combined Statement V for consolidated operating statistics on a combined basis, including AirTran for periods prior to the acquisition date.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL (1)

(in millions) (unaudited)

	12 Months September :		12 Months Ended September 30, 2010		
Operating Income, as reported Add: Net impact from fuel contracts Add: Acquisition and integration costs, net (2) Operating Income, non-GAAP Net adjustment for aircraft leases (3) Adjustment for fuel hedge accounting Adjusted Operating Income, non-GAAP	\$	761 57 117	\$	939 163 1	
	\$	935 110 (129)	\$	1,103 86 (143)	
	\$	916	\$	1,046	
Average Invested Capital (4) Equity adjustment for fuel hedge accounting	\$	11,863 202	\$	10,279 534	
Adjusted Average Invested Capital	\$	12,065	\$	10,813	
ROIC, pretax		8%		10%	

(1) Calculation includes the impact of the AirTran acquisition as of May 2, 2011.
(2) Net of profitsharing impact on charges incurred through March 31, 2011. The Company amended its profitsharing plan during second quarter 2011 to defer the profitsharing impact of integration costs incurred from April 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013. The profitsharing impact will be realized in 2014 and beyond.
(3) Net adjustment related to presumption that all aircraft in fleet are owned.
(4) Average invested capital represents a five quarter average of debt, net present value of aircraft leases, and equity.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (in millions) (unaudited)

September 30, December 31, 2011 2010 ASSETS ASSETS
Current assets:
Cash and cash equivalents
Short-term investments
Accounts and other receivables
Inventories of parts and supplies, at cost
Deferred income taxes 1,261 2,277 195 1,016 2,640 369 243 214 459 Prepaid expenses and other current assets Total current assets 110 89 Property and equipment, at cost: Flight equipment 13,991 2,122 15,451 Ground property and equipment 2.303 229 17,983 230 Deposits on flight equipment purchase contracts Less allowance for depreciation and amortization 6.149 5 765 10,578 Goodwill 970 Other assets 606 15,463 17,885 LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities:
Accounts payable 1,083 739 \$ 863 1,198 Accrued liabilities 1.193 Air traffic liability Current maturities of long-term debt Total current liabilities 986 505 5.320 3,305 2,875 3.220 Long-term debt less current maturities Long-term debt less current maturities
Deferred income taxes
Deferred gains from sale and leaseback of aircraft
Other non-current liabilities
Stockholders' equity:
Common stock 1,856 78 926 2,493 88 465 808 808 Capital in excess of par value Retained earnings Accumulated other comprehensive loss 1,222 5,251 (513) 1,183 5,399 (262) Treasury stock, at cost
Total stockholders' equity (283)(891) 6,485 6,237 17,885 15,463

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (1) (in millions) (unaudited)

		Three mont		ed		Nine montl			
	2	2011	2	010		2011	2	010	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:									
Net income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to	\$	(140)	\$	205	\$	26	\$	328	
cash provided by (used in) operating activities:									
Depreciation and amortization		191		161		523		469	
Unrealized (gain) loss on fuel derivative instruments		393		(17)		274		171	
Deferred income taxes		(90)		20		33		96	
Amortization of deferred gains on sale and									
leaseback of aircraft		(3)		(3)		(10)		(10)	
Changes in certain assets and liabilities, net of acquisition:									
Accounts and other receivables		11		42		(96)		(66)	
Other current assets		(42)		7		(180)		(6)	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(39)		(5)		266		189	
Air traffic liability		(92)		(63)		485		379	
Cash collateral received from (provided to)									
derivative counterparties		(409)		15		(429)		150	
Other, net		` 2´		23		9 3´		(408)	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(218)		385		985		1,292	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:									
Payment to acquire AirTran, net of AirTran cash on hand		-		-		(35)		-	
Payments for purchase of property and equipment, net		(276)		(100)		(548)		(398)	
Purchases of short-term investments		(1,525)		(1,151)		(4,788)		(4,331)	
Proceeds from sales of short-term investments		1,664		939		4,414		3,484	
Net cash used in investing activities		(137)		(312)		(957)		(1,245)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:									
Proceeds from Employee stock plans		4		10		35		45	
Proceeds from termination of interest rate									
derivative instrument		-		-		76		-	
Payments of long-term debt and capital lease obligations		(48)		(39)		(110)		(123)	
Payments of convertible debt		-		-		(81)		-	
Payment of credit line borrowing		-		-		-		(44)	
Payments of cash dividends		(3)		(3)		(14)		(13)	
Repurchase of common stock		(175)		-		(175)		-	
Other, net		(2)		1		(4)		5	
Net cash used in financing activities		(224)		(31)		(273)		(130)	
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(579)		42		(245)		(83)	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD		1,595		989		1,261		1,114	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$	1,016	\$	1,031	\$	1,016	\$	1,031	
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH TRANSACTIONS: Fair value of equity consideration given to acquire AirTran Fair value of common stock issued for conversion of debt	\$	-	\$ \$	-	\$ \$	523 78	\$ \$	-	

⁽¹⁾ Includes the impact of the AirTran acquisition as of May 2, 2011.

_	Percent of	estimated fuel consumption covered by fuel deriv	vative contracts
Average WTI Crude Oil price per barrel	4Q 2011	First Half 2012	Second Half 2012
Up to \$90 \$90 to \$100 \$100 to \$110 \$110 to \$120 Above \$120 (1)	approx. 10% approx. 45% approx. 40%	approx. 10% approx. 15% approx. 20% approx. 25% approx. 20%	approx. 10% approx. 25% approx. 55% approx. 70% approx. 50%
		stimated difference in economic jet fuel price per above/(below) unhedged market prices, including	
Average WTI Crude Oil price per barrel	4Q 2011	First Half 2012	Second Half 2012
\$70 \$86 (2) \$100 \$115	\$0.11 \$0.11 \$0.11 \$0.08	\$0.11 \$0.06 \$0.03 (\$0.03)	\$0.20 \$0.07 \$0.00 (\$0.20)
Period	covered by fuel of	ated fuel consumption lerivative contracts at -equivalent price levels	
2013 2014 2015	ov	er 50% er 40% er 10%	

⁽¹⁾ For first half 2012 and second half 2012, if average WTI market prices exceed \$150 per barrel and \$175 per barrel, respectively, the current estimated fuel consumption covered by fuel derivative contracts in each period would decrease to less than 5%.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. 737 FUTURE DELIVERY SCHEDULE (a) AS OF OCTOBER 19, 2011

		The Boeing C	company			
	-700 Firm Orders	-800 Firm Orders	Options	Purchase Rights	Additional -800s	Total
2011				<u>.</u>		
2012	2	28			5	2(b) 33
2013	23		8			31
2014	29		6			35
2015	26		1			27
2016	31		7			38
2017	5		17			22
Through 2021				98		98
Total	116(c)	28	39	98	5	286

- (a) Includes AirTran's future firm orders and options from Boeing.
 (b) The Company has already taken delivery of 18 737-700 aircraft through October 19, 2011.
 (c) The Company is evaluating substituting 737-800s in lieu of 737-700 firm orders currently scheduled for 2013 through 2017.

⁽²⁾ Based on the fourth quarter 2011 average WTI forward curve and market prices as of October 17, 2011, and current estimated fuel consumption covered by fuel derivative contracts, fourth quarter 2011 economic fuel price per gallon, including taxes, is estimated to be approximately \$3.30 per gallon, or \$0.11 above market prices.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINED STATEMENT I SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. SELECTED COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION (1)

(unaudited)

		Three mont Septemb					Nine montl Septemb			
	2	011	2	010	Percent Change	2011		2010		Percent Change
OPERATING REVENUES:										
Passenger	\$	4,014	\$	3,606	11.3	\$	11,641	\$	10,237	13.7
Freight		35		31	12.9		103		94	9.6
Other		262		223	17.5		744		633	17.5
Total operating revenues	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	4,311	· ·	3,860	11.7		12,488	·	10,964	13.9
OPERATING EXPENSES:										
Salaries, wages, and benefits		1,146		1,069	7.2		3,418		3,141	8.8
Fuel and oil		1,586		1,132	40.1		4,511		3,292	37.0
Maintenance materials and repairs		272		254	7.1		805		730	10.3
Aircraft rentals		90		103	(12.6)		296		316	(6.3)
Landing fees and other rentals		257		250	2.8		759		729	4.1
Depreciation and amortization		191		176	8.5		543		513	5.8
Acquisition and integration		22		1	n.a.		123		1	n.a.
Other operating expenses		522		462	13.0		1,518		1,326	14.5
Total operating expenses		4,086		3,447	18.5		11,973		10,048	19.2
OPERATING INCOME		225		413	(45.5)		515		916	(43.8)

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SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINED STATEMENT II

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.
RECONCILIATION OF SELECTED COMBINED AMOUNTS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINED STATEMENT I TO NON-GAAP ITEMS (1)
(SEE NOTE REGARDING USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES)

	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,					_
		2011		2010	Percent Change		2011		2010	Percent Change
Fuel and oil expense, combined unhedged	\$	1,549	\$	1,044		\$	4,504	\$	3,037	
Add: Fuel hedge losses included in Fuel and oil expense Fuel and oil expense, as presented on Supplemental Combined Statement I	\$	37 1,586	\$	<u>88</u> 1,132		\$	4,511	\$	255 3,292	
Deduct: Net impact from fuel contracts Fuel and oil expense, combined economic	\$	(24) 1,562	\$	1,099	42.1	\$	(17) 4,494	\$	(132) 3,160	42.2
Total operating expenses, as presented on Supplemental Combined										
Statement I Deduct: Net impact from fuel contracts	\$	4,086 (24)	\$	3,447 (33)		\$	11,973 (17)	\$	10,048 (132)	
Total operating expenses, combined economic Deduct: Charge for Asset impairment, net (2)	\$	4,062 (14)	\$	3,414		\$	11,956 (14)	\$	9,916	
Deduct: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs, net (3)	_	(22) 4.026		3,413	40.0	_	(121) 11.821		9,915	40.0
Total operating expenses, combined non-GAAP	<u>.</u>		•		18.0	<u>.</u>	-	•		19.2
Operating income, as presented on Supplemental Combined Statement I Add: Net impact from fuel contracts	\$	225 24	\$	413 33		\$	515 17	\$	916 132	
Operating income, combined economic Add: Charge for Asset impairment, net (2)	\$	249 14	\$	446		\$	532 14	\$	1,048	
Add: Charge for Acquisition and integration costs, net (3) Operating income, combined non-GAAP	\$	22 285	\$	447	(36.2)	\$	121 667	\$	1,049	(36.4)

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⁽²⁾ Net of profitsharing impact.
(3) Amounts net of profitsharing impact on charges incurred through March 31, 2011. The Company amended its profitsharing plan during second quarter 2011 to defer the profitsharing impact of integration costs incurred from April 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013. The profitsharing impact will be realized in 2014 and beyond.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINED STATEMENT III SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. SELECTED CONSOLIDATING COMBINED 2011 FINANCIAL INFORMATION (1) (in millions) (unaudited)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2011									
OPERATING REVENUES:	,	Southwest Airlines Co. as reported)	Ai	rTran (2)	-	Combined				
Passenger	\$	10,829	\$	812	\$	11,641				
Freight	Ψ	103	Ψ	-	Ψ	103				
Other		618		126		744				
Total operating revenues		11,550		938		12,488				
OPERATING EXPENSES:										
Salaries, wages, and benefits		3,226		193		3,419				
Fuel and oil		4,150		361		4,511				
Maintenance materials and repairs		717		88		805				
Aircraft rentals		214		81		295				
Landing fees and other rentals		705		54		759				
Depreciation and amortization		523		20		543				
Acquisition and integration		97		26		123				
Other operating expenses		1,372		146		1,518				
Total operating expenses	-	11,004		969		11,973				
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		546		(31)		515				

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(2) Results presented for AirTran, on a standalone basis, include periods prior to the acquisition date, conformed to Southwest's financial statement classification where appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINED STATEMENT IV SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. SELECTED CONSOLIDATING COMBINED 2010 FINANCIAL INFORMATION (1) (in millions) (unaudited)

		Three m	onths	ended September 30,	2010		Nine months ended September 30, 2010							
		(as	report	ted)				(as						
		Southwest Airlines Co.		AirTran (as conformed)		Combined		Southwest Airlines Co.		AirTran (as conformed)		Combined		
OPERATING REVENUES:		7 111111100 000.		(do comormou)				7 11111100 00.		(do comonida)				
Passenger	\$	3,032	\$	574	\$	3,606	\$	8,544	\$	1,693	\$	10,237		
Freight		31		_		31		94		· -		94		
Other		129		94		223		352		281		633		
Total operating revenues		3,192		668		3,860		8,990		1,974		10,964		
OPERATING EXPENSES:														
Salaries, wages, and benefits		938		131		1,069		2,748		393		3,141		
Fuel and oil		926		206		1,132		2,681		611		3,292		
Maintenance materials and repairs		196		58		254		556		173		730		
Aircraft rentals		43		60		103		135		182		316		
Landing fees and other rentals		210		40		250		606		123		729		
Depreciation and amortization		161		15		176		469		44		513		
Acquisition and integration		1		-		1		1		-		1		
Other operating expenses		362		100		462		1,022		304		1,326		
Total operating expenses	_	2,837		610		3,447		8,218		1,830		10,048		
OPERATING INCOME		355		58		413		772		144		916		

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	Three months ended September 30,						Nine months ended September 30,							
	2011		2010	Cha	nge	_	2011		2010	Cha	nge			
Revenue passengers carried	28,208,036		27,966,582	0.9	%		82,615,444		80,275,161	2.9	%			
Enplaned passengers	35,010,060		34,346,991	1.9			101,763,544		97,645,251	4.2				
Revenue passenger miles (RPMs) (000s)	27,322,289		25,938,073	5.3			78,683,982		72,883,801	8.0				
Available seat miles (ASMs) (000s)	33,318,089		31,819,149	4.7	%		97,220,639		91,834,163	5.9	%			
Load factor	82.0 %		81.5 %	0.5	pts		80.9 %		79.4 %	1.5	pts			
Average length of passenger haul (miles)	969		927	4.5			952		908	4.8				
Average aircraft stage length (miles)	690		674	2.4			686		667	2.8				
Trips flown	359,630		352,087	2.1	%		1,055,888		1,026,229	2.9				
Average passenger fare	\$ 142.31	\$	128.94	10.4		\$	140.90	\$	127.53	10.5				
Passenger revenue yield per RPM (cents)	14.69		13.90	5.7			14.79		14.05	5.3				
RASM (cents)	12.94		12.13	6.7			12.84		11.94	7.5				
PRASM (cents)	12.05		11.33	6.4			11.97		11.15	7.4				
CASM (cents)	12.26		10.83	13.2			12.32		10.94	12.6				
CASM, excluding fuel (cents)	7.50		7.27	3.2			7.68		7.35	4.5				
CASM, excluding special items (cents)	12.08		10.73	12.6			12.16		10.80	12.6				
CASM, excluding fuel and special items (cents)	7.38		7.27	1.5	%		7.54		7.35	2.6	%			
Fuel costs per gallon, including fuel tax														
(unhedged)	\$ 3.16	\$	2.21		%	\$	3.14	\$	2.23	40.8				
Fuel costs per gallon, including fuel tax	\$ 3.23	\$	2.39	35.1	%	\$	3.15	\$	2.42	30.2	%			
Fuel costs per gallon, including fuel tax														
(economic)	\$ 3.18	\$	2.32	37.1		\$	3.14	\$	2.32	35.3				
Fuel consumed, in gallons (millions)	490		472	3.7	%		1,429		1,358	5.2	%			

PRASM (Passenger unit revenue) - Passenger revenue yield per ASM RASM (unit revenue) - Operating revenue yield per ASM CASM (unit costs) - Operating expenses per ASM

NOTE REGARDING USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The Company's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). These GAAP financial statements include unrealized non-cash adjustments and reclassifications, which can be significant, as a result of accounting requirements and elections made under accounting pronouncements relating to derivative instruments and hedging.

As a result, the Company also provides financial information in this release that was not prepared in accordance with GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to the information prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company provides supplemental non-GAAP financial information, including results that it refers to as "economic," which the Company's management utilizes to evaluate its ongoing financial performance and the Company believes provides greater transparency to investors as supplemental information to its GAAP results. The Company's economic financial results differ from GAAP results in that they only include the actual cash settlements from fuel hedge contracts--all reflected within Fuel and oil expense in the period of settlement. Thus, Fuel and oil expense on an economic basis reflects the Company's actual net cash outlays for fuel during the applicable period, inclusive of settled fuel derivative contracts. Any net premium costs paid related to option contracts are reflected as a component of Other (gains) losses, net, for both GAAP and non-GAAP (including economic) purposes in the period of contract settlement. These economic results provide a better measure of the impact of the Company's fuel hedges on its operating performance and liquidity since they exclude the unrealized, noncash adjustments and reclassifications that are recorded in GAAP results in accordance with accounting guidance relating to derivative instruments, and they reflect all cash settlements related to fuel derivative contracts within Fuel and oil expense. This enables the Company's management, as well as investors, to consistently assess the Company's operating performance on a year-over-year or quarter-over-quarter basis after considering all efforts in place to manage fuel expense. However, because these measures are not determined in accordance with GAAP, such measures are susceptible to varying calculations and not all companies calculate the measures in the same manner. As a result, the aforementioned measures, as presented, may not be directly comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.

Further information on (i) the Company's fuel hedging program, (ii) the requirements and accounting associated with accounting for derivative instruments, and (iii) the causes of hedge ineffectiveness and/or mark-to-market gains or losses from derivative instruments is included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, as well as subsequent quarterly filings.

In addition to its "economic" financial measures, as defined above, the Company has also provided non-GAAP financial measures as a result of items that the Company believes are not indicative of its ongoing operations. These include charges for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 of \$22 million and \$97 million, respectively (before the impact of profitsharing and/or taxes) related to expenses associated with the Company's acquisition and integration of AirTran. These also include a charge for the three months ended September 30, 2011 of \$17 million (before the impact of profitsharing and/or taxes) for an asset impairment related to the Company's recent decision not to equip its Classic (737-300) aircraft with Required Navigation Performance (RNP) capabilities. The Company believes that evaluation of its financial performance can be enhanced by a presentation of results that exclude the impact of these items in order to evaluate the results on a comparative basis with results in prior periods that do not include such items and as a basis for evaluating operating results in future periods. As a result of the Company's acquisition of AirTran, which closed on May 2, 2011, the Company has incurred and expects to continue to incur substantial charges associated with integration of the two companies. While the Company cannot predict the exact timing or amounts of such charges, it does expect to treat the charges as special items in its future presentation of non-GAAP results.

The Company has also provided other supplemental non-GAAP financial information on a "combined basis." This supplemental non-GAAP financial information on a "combined basis" includes specified combined financial results of the Company and AirTran for periods prior to May 2, 2011, as if the acquisition had occurred prior to the beginning of the applicable reporting period, but excludes any impact of purchase accounting prior to May 2, 2011. AirTran's historical financial information included in the combined presentation has been

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conformed to the Company's financial statement classification where appropriate. The Company believes that evaluation of its financial performance can be enhanced by a presentation of combined results in order to evaluate its prior, current or future period results on a more meaningful, consistent year-over-year basis.

The Company believes free cash flow is a meaningful measure because it demonstrates our ability to service our debt, pay dividends and make investments to enhance shareholder value. Although free cash flow is a commonly used as measure of liquidity, definitions of free cash flow may differ; therefore, the Company is providing an explanation of its calculation for free cash flow. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company generated approximately \$400 million in free cash flow, calculated as operating cash flows of \$985 million less capital expenditures of \$548 million.

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.