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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

FURNISHED PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

5 June 2006

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc
(Registrant's Name)

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Yes No

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

By: /s/ _____
Name: Alan Buchanan
Title: Company Secretary
Date 5 June 2006

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| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 1. | Traffic statistics May 2006 |

TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS - May 2006

Summary of the headline figures

In May 2006, passenger capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres, was 5.1 per cent above May 2005. Traffic, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres, was higher by 6.9 per cent. This resulted in a passenger load factor up 1.3 points versus last year, to 74.5 per cent. The increase in traffic comprised a 13.9 per cent increase in premium traffic and a 5.7 per cent increase in non-premium traffic. Cargo, measured in Cargo Tonne Kilometres, increased by 2.3 per cent. Overall load factor increased by 0.7 points to 68.4 per cent.

Market conditions

Market conditions remain broadly unchanged as significant promotional activity is required to maintain seat factors.

Strategic Developments

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British Airways announced a pre-tax profit of GBP620 million for the year to March 31, 2006 (2005: GBP513 million profit). The pre-tax profit for the fourth quarter was GBP91 million (2005: GBP6 million loss). Operating profit for the year was GBP705 million (2005: GBP556 million profit) and GBP93 million for the quarter (2005: GBP46 million profit).

The company's accounting valuation of its main pension scheme, the New Airways Pension Scheme (NAPS), showed a deficit of GBP2,070 million at March 31, 2006, up GBP101 million on the previous year. The accounting deficit reflects low long-term interest rates and has gone up despite the company's increased contributions and strong equity markets.

British Airways welcomed the statement from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) that it will protect customers at BAA airports from being overcharged to fund payments to the airport operator's shareholders during its current bid battle. The CAA is currently consulting on the level of user charges at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports for a five year period from April 2008 in its role as economic regulator.

The airline launched a promotion offering savings of up to GBP1,250 on Club World return fares to 58 long haul destinations this summer including New York, Singapore and all Caribbean destinations.

Ends

June 5, 2006

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BRITISH AIRWAYS MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS

| BRITISH AIRWAYS SCHEDULED SERVICES | Month of May | | | Financial year April through to May | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------|---------------|--|-------|---------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) | 2006 | 2005 | Change (%) |
| Passengers carried (000) | | | | | | |
| UK/Europe | 2050 | 2030 | +1.0 | 4009 | 3953 | +1.4 |
| Americas | 668 | 635 | +5.2 | 1338 | 1258 | +6.4 |
| Asia Pacific | 144 | 133 | +8.9 | 304 | 273 | +11.6 |
| Africa and Middle East | 267 | 225 | +18.5 | 546 | 464 | +17.8 |
| Total | 3129 | 3023 | +3.5 | 6198 | 5947 | +4.2 |
| Revenue passenger km (m) | | | | | | |
| UK/Europe | 1931 | 1903 | +1.5 | 3779 | 3656 | +3.4 |
| Americas | 4499 | 4247 | +6.0 | 9012 | 8405 | +7.2 |
| Asia Pacific | 1455 | 1374 | +5.9 | 3061 | 2817 | +8.6 |
| Africa and Middle East | 1777 | 1513 | +17.4 | 3640 | 3112 | +17.0 |
| Total | 9662 | 9037 | +6.9 | 19493 | 17991 | +8.4 |
| Available seat km (m) | | | | | | |
| UK/Europe | 2727 | 2796 | -2.5 | 5319 | 5481 | -3.0 |
| Americas | 5673 | 5393 | +5.2 | 11146 | 10648 | +4.7 |
| Asia Pacific | 2078 | 1994 | +4.2 | 4095 | 3923 | +4.4 |

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|----------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| Africa and Middle East | 2494 | 2160 | +15.4 | 4897 | 4272 | +14.6 |
| Total | 12972 | 12344 | +5.1 | 25457 | 24324 | +4.7 |
| Passenger load factor (%) | | | | | | |
| UK/Europe | 70.8 | 68.0 | +2.8 pts | 71.0 | 66.7 | +4.3 |
| Americas | 79.3 | 78.7 | +0.6 pts | 80.9 | 78.9 | +2.0 |
| Asia Pacific | 70.0 | 68.9 | +1.1 pts | 74.7 | 71.8 | +2.9 |
| Africa and Middle East | 71.3 | 70.0 | +1.3 pts | 74.3 | 72.8 | +1.5 |
| Total | 74.5 | 73.2 | +1.3 pts | 76.6 | 74.0 | +2.6 |
| Revenue tonne km (RTK) (m) | | | | | | |
| Cargo tonne km (CTK) | 411 | 401 | +2.3 | 820 | 795 | +3.2 |
| Total RTK | 1374 | 1303 | +5.5 | 2760 | 2585 | +6.8 |
| Available tonne km (m) | 2009 | 1925 | +4.4 | 3954 | 3799 | +4.1 |
| Overall load factor (%) | 68.4 | 67.7 | +0.7 pts | 69.8 | 68.1 | +1.7 |

Certain statements included in this statement may be forward-looking and may involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, projections relating to results of operations and financial conditions and the company's plans and objectives for future operations, including, without limitation, discussions of the company's business and financing plans, expected future revenues and expenditures and divestments. All forward-looking statements in this report are based upon information known to the company on the date of this report. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

It is not reasonably possible to itemise all of the many factors and specific events that could cause the company's forward-looking statements to be incorrect or that could otherwise have a material adverse effect on the future operations or results of an airline operating in the global economy.

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