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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

03 May 2007

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 03 May 2007

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| Exhibit No.1 | Description |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | April traffic statistics |

TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS - April 2007

Summary of the headline figures

In April 2007, passenger capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres, was 0.5 per cent above April 2006. Traffic, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres, was lower by 2.2 per cent. This resulted in a passenger load factor down 2.1 points versus last year, to 76.9 per cent. The decrease in traffic comprised a 1 per cent increase in premium traffic and a 2.8 per cent decrease in non-premium traffic. The decline in non-premium to some degree reflects year on year Easter effect that saw a 10.9% increase last year.

Cargo, measured in Cargo Tonne Kilometres, fell by 7.7 per cent. Overall load factor fell by 0.7 points to 70.9 per cent.

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Market conditions

Underlying market conditions are broadly unchanged. Premium continues positive, while weak non-premium, especially on the Atlantic is still a feature.

Strategic Developments

The airline won Airline of the Year 2007 at the OAG awards.

British Airways launched a GBP5 million advertising campaign to promote the airline's new Club World business class service. The next-generation Club World is now on 96 services a week between London Heathrow and New York JFK, as its installation continues across the airline's long-haul fleet.

The airline launched a summer season sale with prices from as low as GBP239 return. Sale prices include Los Angeles and Miami for GBP399 and New York, Baltimore, and Washington available from just GBP349.

British Airways increased its longhaul fuel surcharge, effective from May 2, on flights of less than nine hours from GBP30 per sector (GBP60 return) to GBP33 (GBP66 return) and from GBP35 per sector to GBP38 (GBP76 return) on flights longer than nine hours.

A number of private equity companies have been approached by British Airways about making a consortium offer for Iberia. Any consortium bid would not involve further capital investment by British Airways and the company continues to examine numerous options including full disposal. However, it did rule out an independent bid for the airline.

The board of directors approved the delisting of British Airways Plc from the New York Stock Exchange and the deregistration of the company and termination of its reporting obligations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). The company has provided written notice to the NYSE of its intent to delist.

British Airways has chosen Rolls-Royce Trent engines to power its four new Boeing

777-200ER aircraft that will be delivered in 2009 and agreed a long-term maintenance contract with Rolls Royce for the engines.

Tickets for the first flights from London Heathrow's Terminal 5 went on sale this month.

British Airways announced the appointment of Julia Simpson as head of corporate communications with effect from August 2007.

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BRITISH AIRWAYS MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS

Month of April

| BRITISH AIRWAYS GROUP SCHEDULED SERVICES | 2007 | 2006 | Change (%) |
|---|-------|-------|---------------|
| Passengers carried (000) | | | |
| UK/Europe | 1741 | 1710 | +1.8 |
| Americas | 632 | 670 | -5.6 |
| Asia Pacific | 153 | 160 | -4.1 |
| Africa and Middle East | 287 | 280 | +2.5 |
| Total | 2813 | 2819 | -0.2 |
| Revenue passenger km (m) | | | |
| UK/Europe | 1716 | 1692 | +1.4 |
| Americas | 4260 | 4513 | -5.6 |
| Asia Pacific | 1564 | 1606 | -2.6 |
| Africa and Middle East | 1917 | 1863 | +2.9 |
| Total | 9456 | 9674 | -2.2 |
| Available seat km (m) | | | |
| UK/Europe | 2445 | 2347 | +4.2 |
| Americas | 5397 | 5472 | -1.4 |
| Asia Pacific | 1963 | 2017 | -2.7 |
| Africa and Middle East | 2500 | 2403 | +4.0 |
| Total | 12304 | 12240 | +0.5 |
| Passenger load factor (%) | | | |
| UK/Europe | 70.2 | 72.1 | -1.9 pts |
| Americas | 78.9 | 82.5 | -3.6 pts |
| Asia Pacific | 79.7 | 79.6 | +0.1 pts |
| Africa and Middle East | 76.7 | 77.5 | -0.8 pts |
| Total | 76.9 | 79.0 | -2.1 pts |
| Revenue tonne km (RTK) (m) | | | |
| Cargo tonne km (CTK) | 372 | 404 | -7.7 |
| Total RTK | 1321 | 1380 | -4.3 |
| Available tonne km (m) | 1864 | 1928 | -3.3 |
| Overall load factor (%) | 70.9 | 71.6 | -0.7 pts |

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Certain information included in these statements is forward-looking and involves 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 Plan programs, expected future revenues, financing plans and expected 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 itemize 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. Information on some factors which could result in material difference to the results is available in the Company's SEC filings, including, without limitation the Company's Report on Form 20-F for the year ended March 2006.

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