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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

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THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

05 April 2006

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc
(Registrant's Name)

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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 05 April 2006

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Exhibit No.	Description
1.	March traffic statistics

TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS - March 2006

Summary of the headline figures

In March 2006, passenger capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres, was 2.5 per cent above March 2005. Traffic, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres, was higher by 1.8 per cent. This resulted in a passenger load factor down 0.5 points versus last year, to 75.2 per cent. The increase in traffic comprised a 15 per cent increase in premium traffic and a 0.4 per cent decrease in non-premium traffic. Cargo, measured in Cargo Tonne Kilometres, rose by 3.5 per cent. Overall load factor fell by 0.2 points to 70.5 per cent.

The timing of Easter this year has benefited premium volumes and reduced non-premium volumes in March. This effect will reverse next month

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For the January to March quarter, ASKs rose by 2.8 per cent, with RPKs rising by 2.9 per cent. This resulted in an increase in passenger load factor of 0.1 points, to 73.1 per cent. This comprised a 10.1per cent increase in premium traffic and a 1.6 per cent increase in non-premium traffic. CTKs rose by 0.9 per cent.

Market conditions

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

Strategic Developments

The company announced a proposal to clear the GBP1 billion past service actuarial deficit in its New Airways Pension Scheme (NAPS). The proposal is based on a final salary pension scheme with no changes to past service benefits or staff contribution rates but with changes to members' future benefits. The airline will make a payment of GBP500 million into NAPS after the changes are accepted.

The airline announced its two year business plan to March 2008 to drive down costs and strengthen customer service. It is targeting a GBP450 million reduction in costs with GBP225 to be delivered in each year. It also included investment of nearly GBP200 million in new products.

BA announced the restructure of parts of its UK direct sales operations with the proposed closure of British Airways' Travel Shops and the airline's Belfast based customer call centre by August 2006. The move comes in response to changing customer behaviour and increased sales on its ba.com website.

The summer 2006 schedule was announced with British Airways' first ever flights to Tirana in Albania and Varna on Bulgaria's Black Sea coast. Four other new destinations from London Gatwick airport include Reykjavik in Iceland, Izmir in Turkey, Kiev in the Ukraine and Athens, Greece.

The airline announced a series of service enhancements to be introduced ahead of its move into Heathrow airport's Terminal 5. The first change will be launched from April 25, when the airline introduces self-service check-in for all customers travelling on UK domestic flights.

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Customers planning to visit the United States from March 7 are being urged to input relevant data on ba.com or via their travel agent to comply with the new Advanced Passenger Information (API), introduced for all passengers flying to the US.

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BRITISH AIRWAYS MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS

	Month of March			Financial year April through to	
BRITISH AIRWAYS			Change		
SCHEDULED SERVICES	2006	2005	(%)	2006	2005
Passengers carried (000)					
UK/Europe	1871	1935	-3.3	23086	23491
Americas	610	615	-0.9	7337	7227
Asia Pacific	166	152	+9.5	1906	1683
Africa and Middle East	294	280	+5.0	3182	3122
Total	2941	2981	-1.3	35511	35523
Revenue passenger km (m)					
UK/Europe	1677	1725	-2.8	21212	21010
Americas	4115	4127	-0.3	49304	48368
Asia Pacific	1702	1582	+7.6	19634	17333
Africa and Middle East	2002	1890	+5.9	21554	20938
Total	9496	9324	+1.8	111704	107649
Available seat km (m)					
UK/Europe	2590	2616	-1.0	31587	30995
Americas	5224	5255	-0.6	62674	62227
Asia Pacific	2178	1988	+9.5	25545	23261
Africa and Middle East	2635	2463	+7.0	27917	27404
Total	12627	12323	+2.5	147723	143888
Passenger load factor (%)					
UK/Europe	64.8	65.9	-1.1 pts	67.2	67.8
Americas	78.8	78.5	+0.3 pts	78.7	77.7
Asia Pacific	78.2	79.6	-1.4 pts	76.9	74.5
Africa and Middle East	76.0	76.7	-0.7 pts	77.2	76.4
Total	75.2	75.7	-0.5 pts	75.6	74.8
Revenue tonne km (RTK) (m)					
Cargo tonne km (CTK)	457	442	+3.5	4928	4951
Total RTK	1402	1369	+2.4	16086	15704
Available tonne km (m)	1989	1935	+2.8	23076	22528
Overall load factor (%)	70.5	70.7	-0.2 pts	69.7	69.7

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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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