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GREATER TORONTO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

GTAA REPORTS 2008 RESULTS

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TORONTO, CANADA – The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (the “GTAA”) reported its financial and operating results for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 today. A total of 32.3 million passengers were processed at Toronto Pearson International Airport in 2008, a 2.8% increase over 2007.

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2008, the GTAA reported total revenues of \$1.17 billion. Total operating expenses were \$555.2 million, including \$140.6 million in ground rent paid to the federal government. Revenues over operating expenses in 2008 were \$617.3 million. After accounting for debt service and amortization, the GTAA recorded revenues under expenses of \$45.9 million for the year, compared to revenues under expenses of \$44.0 million in 2007. The excess of expenses over revenues was anticipated due to the amortization of airport facilities, a non-cash expense which is not recovered from the airlines operating at Toronto Pearson.

During the 3-month period ended December 31, 2008, the GTAA recorded revenues under expenses of \$51.4 million. Due to seasonal patterns in air traffic and operating expenses, expenses typically exceed revenues in the fourth quarter of each year. However this was exacerbated in 2008 because in the fourth quarter of 2008 the GTAA recorded a \$29.1 million reduction in the estimated fair value of the Asset Backed Commercial Paper that it holds. Also, Airport activity in the fourth quarter of 2008 exhibited weakness when compared to growth rates earlier in the year and in the comparable period in 2007.

Results for 2007 include receivable recoveries of \$13.1 million and \$16.2 million of net revenues identified as part of the annual reconciliation of Airport Improvement Fee revenues and passenger volumes. When adjusted for these events, the 2008 revenue over operating expenses would show a \$35.8 million improvement over the 2007 results.

The full-year 2008 results include a \$52.7 million impairment charge in respect of the Asset Backed Commercial Paper held by the GTAA as at December 31, 2008, compared to the \$37.2 million provision taken in 2007.

To fund the development programs and other capital programs and to repay maturing debt, the GTAA issued \$825 million in medium term notes during 2008. Debt repayments totaled \$735 million during the year.

