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Airbus / EADS

- **A380:** the programme has reached 200 orders from 16 customers; Airbus expects a need for 400 further aircraft over the next 20 years.
- **A400M:** EADS reiterates its commitment to the project, after Airbus CEO Tom Enders was quoted as saying EADS could not build the plane without changes in its contract and appeared to suggest the possibility of pulling out of the project.
- **Job cuts:** Airbus is to cut 250 temporary posts at the Broughton site in Britain (5,000 in total), in parallel to "ongoing discussions on flexibility measures".
- **Environment:** Airbus announces that Airbus Americas and Airbus China Beijing have achieved certification according to ISO 14001 for Environmental Management Systems.

Boeing

- **Deliveries:** Boeing says that sharply declining passenger traffic has not yet affected projected deliveries and expects to deliver 480-485 aircraft this year.
- **747-8:** General Electric launches its flight test campaign for the 747-8 GENx-2B engine with a five hour maiden flight.
- **787:** Boeing announces that the sixth and final 787 designated for flight test is undergoing final assembly; assemblies for 31 aircraft are currently in production throughout the supply chain.
- **777:** JP Morgan lowers its estimate for 777 deliveries to 80 from 82 in 2009 and 70 from 80 for 2010.
- **Biofuels:** Boeing says it expects biofuels to be certified for regular use in three to five years and airlines to use them in some planes by 2015.

Other manufacturers

- **Dassault Aviation:** 2008 net profit fell to €373 million from 382 million in 2007; Dassault delivered 72 Falcon jets in 2008, up from 70 in 2007 but lower than an initial target of 90-100 planes.
- **Embraer:** reports a 44% fall in fourth-quarter profits due to currency hedging losses; net income fell to \$111.7m from \$200.9m a year earlier.
- **Bombardier:** lands another order for its CSeries with Lease Corp. International Aviation for three CS100, 17 CS300, and 20 options.
- **Bombardier:** three European companies will be key suppliers to the CSeries: Alenia Aeronautica (horizontal and vertical stabilizers), Fokker Elmo (wiring and interconnection system), and Goodrich Actuation Systems (flap and slat actuation systems).
- **Snecma:** says it plans to start producing CFM56 engine parts at a new plant in Mexico early next year; Messier-Dowty plans to produce landing gear parts at an adjacent plant.
- **MTU:** says it expects earnings to decline this year on falling demand for engine components and spare parts; net income is expected to decrease by 22%.
- **China:** the ARJ21 regional jet has its second test flight, four months after the first, according to the country's media. Entry service is due in late 2010.

Airlines

- **February traffic:** international passenger traffic dropped 10.1% year-over-year (5.6% decline in January) and cargo demand was down 22.1%, the third consecutive month that freight traffic plunged at least 22% (IATA).

- **US airlines:** FAA predicts that nearly 9% fewer passengers will board major US airlines for domestic flights this year.
- **IATA:** projects a global airline industry loss of \$4.7 billion for the year, a near-doubling of the \$2.5 billion loss it forecast in December.
- **Spanair:** SAS finalises the sale of a 80.1% majority stake in Spanair for a nominal one euro to IEASA (Consorti de Turisme de Barcelona, Catalana d'Inciatives, Volcat 2009 and Fira de Barcelona).
- **Alitalia:** Air France-KLM completes the acquisition of a 25% stake through a reserved share subscription worth approx. €323 million
- **Air Berlin:** firms a cross-ownership agreement with TUI Travel carrier TUIfly, through which the carriers will hold 19.9% of one another.

Airports

- **BAA:** the UK Competition Commission delivers the verdict that BAA must sell three of its airports, including Gatwick and Stansted.
- **Brussels Airport:** 19% less passengers were welcomed at the airport in February; cargo traffic was down 48% on last year, while aircraft movements decreased by nearly 19%.

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