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Airbus / EADS

- **Production cuts:** Airbus decides to cut production rates for its A320 range from October (from 36 to 34 per month) and halt the planned ramp-up of A330/A340 production (will remain at 8.5 a month).
- **A400M:** FT Deutschland reports that the countries that have ordered the aircraft have agreed not to use the cancellation clause effective 1 April for a further 3 months.
- **A380:** Air France KLM says it will defer delivery of its 6th and 7th aircraft, out of a 12-plane order.
- **A321:** Airbus delivers the 500th A321 to Air France. The first A321 was delivered in 1994 - since then some 750 aircraft have been ordered.
- **A318:** Flight International reports that British Airways is the sole outstanding airline customer, with 2 aircraft on order, following US Airways' cancellation. 14 of the 16 remaining aircraft on order are for corporate customers.

Boeing

- **777F:** Boeing delivered the first 777 Freighter to launch customer Air France on 19 February. Twelve customers have ordered a total of 73 777Fs.
- **787:** Boeing received an order cancellation in the week Feb. 17 from a non-identified customer, the third this year after LCAL and S7 Airlines cancelled a total of 31 787s. US media report that Delta plans to not take some or all of the 18 787s it has on order.
- **Environment:** Boeing announces that all of its major manufacturing facilities received the ISO 14001 environmental certification by the end of 2008.
- **Air traffic:** Boeing's Vice president for Marketing says the manufacturer expects a return to economic growth over the next 20 years, with a global annual increase of 4% in air passengers and 5.8% in cargo.

Other manufacturers

- **Embraer:** will cut its workforce by about 20% and expects to deliver 242 commercial and business planes this year, compared with a previous estimate of 270.
- **Dassault Aviation:** says fourth-quarter sales fell 12.8%, while the full-year figure fell 8.2% to €3.75 billion. According to data by GAMA, Dassault delivered 72 Falcons in 2008, 21 of which 7X.
- **AVIC:** completes the merger of its aircraft manufacturing subsidiaries and launches a new company "mainly responsible for big (military) transport aircraft and spare parts for Chinese commercial aircraft".
- **Helicopters:** according to an operators survey by Honeywell Aerospace, new helicopter orders are likely to decline by 12% next year and 7% the following year. Deliveries during 2009-2013 will remain relatively flat due to the level of orders already placed.
- **Eclipse Aviation:** goes into Chapter 7 liquidation, three months after Eclipse entered Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Airlines

- **January traffic - IATA:** international passenger demand fell by 5.6% compared to 2008, while the collapse in cargo markets in December (-22.6%) worsened in January with a 23.2% year-on-year demand drop.

- **Financial results - IATA:** the global airline industry lost up to \$8 billion in 2008, with a \$4 billion fourth-quarter loss owing to the recession and fuel hedging losses.
- **Parked aircraft:** the airline industry parked 1,167 aircraft last year "making 2008 the worst year for cutbacks since 2001", according to a report by Ascend.
- **Austrian Airlines:** Lufthansa submits formal bid for AUA, for the previously announced offer of €4.49 per share - the acceptance period will run until May 11.
- **US airlines:** US scheduled passenger airlines employed 6.7% fewer workers in December 2008 than in December 2007, the sixth consecutive decrease in full-time equivalent employee levels, according to the US DoT.

Airports

- **BAA:** reports a net loss of £1.95 billion compared with profit of £86 million a year earlier. Passenger traffic fell 2.7% to 151.4 million.
- **Brussels Airport:** in January the number of passengers decreased by 15% (sharpest decrease was on intra-European short-haul routes). Cargo traffic decreased by over 50%, while aircraft movements decreased by over 18%.
- **Aéroports de Paris:** passenger traffic in January decreased by 7.8% (-4% decrease in international traffic, -12.4% for domestic traffic).

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