



## News Release

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### AVIATION MAPS OUT PATH TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

The UK's aviation industry can continue to grow whilst limiting its impact on climate change, according to a new report published today by Sustainable Aviation, a unique coalition of airlines, aerospace manufacturers, airport operators and air traffic management.

At the heart of SA's second Progress Report is its Roadmap to 2050, by which time UK aviation's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions can be curbed to below 2000 levels – even with a forecast trebling in passenger growth.

**Jill Brady, Chair of Sustainable Aviation, said:** "Our second progress report clearly demonstrates that the aviation industry is delivering significant economic and social benefits for Britain, whilst also further reducing its environmental impact.

"The technology developed by our industry will play a major role in providing further solutions to the environmental challenges we face. It also enables us to be confident that we will continue to deliver for Britain as it recovers from recession.

"Our CO<sub>2</sub> roadmap is the most compelling evidence of the innovations being made by the different sectors in our industry. Aviation is by no means complacent about our responsibility to the environment and I hope that this report and the demonstrable progress we have made will help inform the wider debate on climate change in light of the needs of a modern society."

Aviation currently accounts for 6% of UK man-made CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and 2% globally. It also contributes £11.4bn annually to the UK economy – around 1.1% - and directly or indirectly generates around half a million jobs.

Sustainable Aviation was set up in 2005. Its strategy sets out a vision for 2020 and beyond where the UK aviation industry meets the needs of society for air travel, maximising its benefit for the economy while removing or minimising any negative impacts on the local and global environment.

Its second biennial report, covering 2007-8, covers progress on the eight goals and 34 commitments which make up the SA strategy.

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### Notes to Editors

- A world-first, Sustainable Aviation was launched in 2005 and brings together the main players from UK airlines, airports, manufacturers and ATM providers. It published the first Progress Report in 2006 and will continue to work on a set of goals and commitments, as well as promoting our work both within the UK and internationally. For a full list of SA signatories go to [www.sustainableaviation.co.uk/pages/default/about-us.html](http://www.sustainableaviation.co.uk/pages/default/about-us.html)
- The SA strategy contains eight goals and 34 commitments including seven on climate change; five on noise; four on local air quality; one on surface access; four on natural resources; three on economics; five on social impact; and five on implementation and communications.
- SA's work is overseen by a Council comprised of senior representatives from industry associations and signatory companies which have adopted SA's Goals and Commitments
- An independent Stakeholder Panel monitors SA's progress and works with the SA and Council to ensure that relevant priorities and challenges are tackled. The Panel includes representatives from the Aviation Environment Federation, Leeds University, Omega Partnership and Department for Transport. This progress report was reviewed by the Stakeholder Panel.
- Jill Brady is General Counsel, Director of Corporate Responsibility & Government Affairs of Virgin Atlantic Airways.

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