

BRITISH AIRWAYS PLC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

13 May 2005

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

(Registrant's Name)

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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 authorised.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

By: /s/ _____

Name: Alan Buchanan

Title: Company Secretary

Date 13 May 2005

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| 1. | New Board Members Announcement - 13 May 2005 |

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

British Airways today announced several changes to its board of directors which will take place during the Summer months.

Dr Ashok Ganguly and Lord Renwick of Clifton will not stand for re-election at the company's annual general meeting (AGM) on 19 July, 2005, reflecting that they have served nine years since first being elected to the board.

Martin Broughton, British Airways chairman, said "I would like to thank both Ashok and Robin for the wisdom and advice they have brought to the board in their different ways over the years."

Similarly reflecting the impact of the independence criteria for non-executive directors in the new Combined Code, Captain Mike Jeffery, who as a former employee of the company cannot be considered independent under the Code, will also not stand for re-election at the AGM. Mr Broughton paid tribute to the excellent work Captain Jeffery has done during his three years as chairman of the board's safety review committee.

The company announced also the decision of Mike Street OBE, its director of customer service and operations, to retire at the end of September, 2005.

In order to preserve the balance between executive and non-executive directors on the board, the company's commercial director, Martin George, will be nominated for election as a director by shareholders at the AGM.

The board announced that it will nominate two candidates to serve as non-executive directors of the company for election by shareholders at the AGM. They are The Right Honourable the Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean and Ken Smart CBE.

Baroness Symons was Minister of State at the Foreign Office and Deputy Leader of the House of Lords until her resignation from government on 5 May, 2005. Prior to her eight years in government, Liz Symons was general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants. Ken Smart joined the Department for Transport's Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) in 1975 becoming the UK's Chief Inspector of Air Accidents and Head of the AAIB in September 1990 until his retirement in April 2005. Ken will succeed Mike Jeffery as chairman of the airline's safety review committee.

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