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### **“Consultation on New Airport for London” – BATA Comment**

Commenting on media reports today that the Government is soon to announce a consultation on plans for a new London airport, Simon Buck, Chief Executive of the British Air Transport Association (BATA) said:

“The Government needs to maintain and build UK connectivity to emerging markets through permitting privately funded additional extra airport capacity where it is most needed and demand is greatest – in the South East of England. Without this, the competitiveness of the UK economy will continue to be eroded and jobs will be lost.”

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#### **Notes to Editors**

- BATA is the trade body for UK-registered airlines, with members representing all sectors of the industry.
- In 2010, BATA members employed over 71,000 people, operated four-fifths of the UK commercial aircraft fleet and were responsible for some 96% of UK airline output, carrying 119 million passengers and 1 million tonnes of cargo.
- The ten BATA member airlines are: bmi, British Airways, DHL, easyJet, flybe, Jet2.com, Monarch, Thomas Cook, Thomson Airways and Virgin Atlantic.

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