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**MONTRÉAL–TRUDEAU AIRPORT WELCOMES
15 MILLIONTH PASSENGER OF 2015**

Montréal, December 18, 2015 – Aéroports de Montréal (ADM) is proudly celebrating a milestone: today, the 15 millionth passenger of the year transited through Montréal–Trudeau. This is the first time in its history that the airport has reached that total in one calendar year.

As it is impossible to identify exactly who the 15 millionth passenger is, this afternoon ADM will honour a number of people chosen at random from among passengers on two flights taking off at about the same time: Air Transat flight TSC390 to Varadero, Cuba, and Air France flight AFR345, bound for Paris Charles-de-Gaulle.

“This is a new passenger traffic record for Montréal–Trudeau,” said ADM President and Chief Executive Officer James Cherry. “By year-end, we expect the total for 2015 to reach 15.5 million, an increase of 4.6% over 2014. The number of passengers transiting through Montréal has risen from 9.0 million in 2003 to more than 15 million this year, which represents an overall increase of 73.2% during that time.”

A vital infrastructure for business, trade and tourism, Montréal–Trudeau airport is a major economic force in the Greater Montréal Region and the entire province of Québec. According to a recent economic impact study, the approximately 200 companies and organizations operating at Montréal–Trudeau provide direct employment to nearly 27,000 people, plus another 28,000 indirect and induced jobs, for a total of 55,000 jobs. The combined economic activity of these enterprises injects some \$5.5 billion into Québec’s GDP.

Montréal–Trudeau provides enviable air services in comparison with other similar-sized North American cities. With some 137 direct destinations, including more than 80 international city-pairs, it is the number two Canadian airport for diversity of air services. This includes a direct Montréal–Beijing route, inaugurated on September 29, 2015.

Montréal–Trudeau airport is used increasingly as a hub between North America and Europe, especially in the case of French-speaking cities on that continent. This is evidenced by the fact that connecting traffic at the airport is increasing steadily, with year-over-year growth now approaching 20%.

The terminal at Montréal–Trudeau, which has undergone more than \$2 billion in expansion and modernization projects since the turn of the 21st century, now meets the highest industry standards.

ADM is also recognized for its leadership in implementation of high-tech solutions that make airport processes easier and faster: self-serve check-in counters, self-tagging of luggage, automated passport control, SecurXpress and online parking reservation are just some examples of the technology innovations available at Montréal–Trudeau.

“We are proud of the work done by all ADM’s employees and partners. And with several new restaurants, shops and service providers opening soon at the airport, passenger satisfaction will be increasing even more,” Mr. Cherry concluded.

About Aéroports de Montréal

Aéroports de Montréal is the local airport authority that has been responsible for the management, operation and development of Montréal–Trudeau and Montréal–Mirabel international airports since 1992. The Corporation employs 650 people at both airports and at head office. ADM has been ISO 14001 certified since 2000 and BOMA BEST certified since 2008.

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