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Nanaimo Airport Welcomes 737 Charter Flights

Nanaimo, British Columbia (January 6, 2014) — The Nanaimo Airport has been crossing many first's off the list in the past six months. The first WestJet Encore flight to Calgary, the first year passenger numbers exceeded 200,000 and now the first 737 aircraft to carry passengers to YCD since the runway expansion in 2009.

On Sunday, an Enerjet charter 737 touched down to pick up resource industry workers on their way back to work in Kitimat. "This is actually the second time the 737 has been here," shares Mike Hooper, Nanaimo Airport President & CEO. "They dropped off the workers on December 21 so they would be home for the holiday."

A growing number of airport users are resource workers who commute to either Alberta or Northern BC. "It's great that these workers and their families can continue to live in Central Vancouver Island, and still take advantage of the demand jobs", explains Hooper. "It's our job to help make the commute as simple as possible. This can be achieved by new direct service, more frequency or assisting with direct charters like this Enerjet one."

It is estimated that the Nanaimo Airport activities contributes more than 700 direct and indirect jobs to the community in 2013. A powerful economic engine for the region, YCD is expected to contribute \$78 million to the local economy by 2016.

About Nanaimo Airport (YCD):

Nanaimo Airport is a ten-minute drive south of downtown Nanaimo on 224 hectares (550 acres), which includes the nearby Cottonwood Golf Course. YCD is a not-for-profit authority owned by the Nanaimo Airport Commission. Vancouver Island's third largest airport, Nanaimo Airport serves a primary central Vancouver Island area with a total population base of approximately 250,000. The YCD service area extends north from Nanaimo to Qualicum, west to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, and south to Duncan and the Cowichan Valley. YCD is ideally situated as the most convenient departure/arrival point for customers from the mid-Island area.

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Photo:

Three photos are attached of the Enerjet charter at Nanaimo Airport on January 5, 2014.
High resolution images are available by request.



Ground Crew With 737



737 parked at Nanaimo Airport



Enerjet 737 arrives at YCD

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