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Headlines

- 8/ ARTICLE : «OboronProm» is closing down «Perm Engine building complexe» (Kommersant).
- 26/ NATO will continue using the Ukrainian heavy duty airplane «Ruslan» (Khreshchatik).
- 39/ The FAS fines ROSNEFT and Lukoil : 1,443 bn Roubles for the latter ; 1,508bn Roubles for the former (interfax).
- 46/ The airlines that will fly on regional budgets in 2009 are now known (Voronezh-Media).
- 52/ ARTICLE : The Government allocates 30bn Roubles for 7 airlines (Kommersant).
- 77/ The Government decides which companies are vital to its economy and which aren't.
- 100/ ARTICLE : For the first time in 6 years, Russian aviation will suffer from a decrease in activity (Vedomosti).
- 119/ Vice-Premier Ivanov says : «Russia buys abroad only the aircraft it can't produce» (Vesti.ru).

Current and on-going Projects

SSJ-100

- 37/ First flight of the second SSJ («Sukhoi» release).
- 58/ VneshEkonomBank gives «Saturn» a 7,5bn Rouble credit (ARMS-TASS).

Commercial Aviation Monitoring

- 7/ «Sberbank» is giving 2bn Roubles more to «Aeroflot».
- 10/ ARTICLE : A name has still not been found for «Aeroflot-Don» after the Perm crash last September (RBC Daily).
- 14/ In order to increase its network, «Belavia», the Bielorussian airline, will join VSR IATA in Kazakhstan («Belavia» release).
- 22/ ARTICLE : «Sky Express» has decided to abandon low profit destinations and transform them into charter destinations (RBC Daily).
- 27/ New Lisboa-Moscow flights (Travel.ru).
- 29/ Starting December 24, international airtickets and fuel surtaxes will increase by 5,3% (Travel.ru).

- 36/ Experts say safety in CIS commercial aviation couldn't be worse (Gudok).
41/ The Government decides how banks should credit airlines (Gudok).
42/ bmi, on Russian destinations, decreases fuel surtaxes by 20% (Travel.ru).
45/ "Wizz Air Ukraine" now has a new A320 (ugmk.info).
51/ «Vlad Avia» successfully goes through IOSA (IATA Operational Safety Audit) audit.
52/ ARTICLE : The Government allocates 30bn Roubles for 7 airlines (Kommersant).
53/ ARTICLE : The Ministry of Transportation wants to keep passengers safe of airline bankruptcies and it wants to keep an eye on the financial status of airlines and oblige airline to provide guarantees (Vedomosti).
55/ Russian commercial aviation is ending the year on good figures but the situation will get bad (Gudok).
57/ «Aeroflot» expects 9,3bn Roubles of net profit in 2009.
59/ Major airlines are already starting to receive credits, says Ivanov (Gudok).
60/ Ivanov says : «In 2008, Russian airlines have transported more than 50 million passengers» (Gudok).
64/ Senators modify the Pskov «Aviation Development Program until 2009» (Pskov lenta novosti).
69/ ARTICLE : The Ministry of Economical Development confirmed that «Aeroflot» will still receive around 500M USD from foreign airlines flying over Russia (Kommersant).
70/ «Aeroflot» expects 9,295bn net profit : that's twice this year's results (Kommersant).
76/ «Transaero» expects a 10% increase in its passenger flow next year (Gudok).
91/ First Krasnoyarsk – Bangkok flight («Diula» release).
97/ «Yutair» is expecting an increase of 21% of its next profit next year (Gudok).
105/ «Air Seychelles» opens a direct connexion to Moscow from Mae on B767 (Travel.ru).
107/ As of December 31, international airtickets and fuel surtaxes will increase by 3,8% (Travel.ru).
113/ On March 18-19 will be held the first inter-regional forum «Development of the Regional Aviation in 2009» (BizavNews.ru).
116/ A blacklist of airticket agents has been created in Russia (RATA-news).
115/ The avia-passenger flow has risen in 2008 by 12% in Russia (RB.ru).
120/ ARTICLE : Russian airlines want to compensate the decrease of passenger flow by increasing airticket prices (bfm.ru).
121/ INTERVIEW : Mister Levitin talks about 2008 (Finmarket).
124/ «Yutair» general director Mister Martirosov says that airtickets in Russia could loose up to 20% in the next 2 months (RIA «Novosti»).
128/ «Yutair» is one of the first companies to receive governmental help (Finam.ru).

Business Aviation

- 47/ ARTICLE : The world crisis has hitten business aviation hard : before it, 200 flights per day were counted ; now, only 10 to 15 (Novie Izvestia).
63/ Because of the crisis, Ukraine records a 40% decrease in charter flights (KorrespondenT.net).
73/ «Fly Fusion» and «Main Capital» announce a strategic partnership for business aviation training («Fly Fusion» release).

Choppers

- 33/ 16 new light helicopters for search and rescue units in the Russian South (Gazeta).
92/ The MAK certifies the helicopter MD Explorer (Copters.ru).
118/ 110 new posts in the Kazan Helicopter Plant and they are already filled (Vremia i Diengi).
126/ The VneshEkonombank is interested in financing «Yutair»'s buying of 40 Mi-171 from the Ulan-Ude plant (PRIME-TASS).
130/ «Progress» shareholders give their company to the management of «Russian Helicopters» (Interfax).

Airports and Regions

- 23/ ARTICLE :A Russian company «Transstroj» in the race for a 10bn airport contract in Oman (RBC Daily).
30/ Uzbekistan Airways Technics in Tashkent are working on many B767-300s : lately, on «Air Astana» ones («Uzbekistan Airways» release).
32/ The reconstruction of the «Krechevitsi» Airport will end in 09 (Interfax).
31/ The reconstruction of the Odessa Airport still awaiting interested builders : the tender stands until January 20 (Gudok).
40/ The landing strip of the Krasnoyarsk airport is finished and Lufthansa moves its ingeneers from Almaty to Krasnoyarsk in January (Gudok).
43/ A Moscow Court closes down some «Vnukovo» premises because fire measures aren't respected (Gazeta.ru).
50/ We still don't know who's going to rebuild the Kazan airport (Gudok).
61/ The Erevan airport could increase by 32% its passenger flow by 2012 (Gudok).
62/ «Sheremetevo» could loose its international status (Gudok).
65/ Austrian company «Meinl Airports International», owner of the Ulan-Ude airport, would like to spend 16M Roubles on the construction of an international terminal (FederalPress).
74/ «Vnukovo» gets a 5bn Rouble credit from «Bank Moscow» (Gudok).
78/ A new railway station in the Kazan airport (Travel.ru).
81/ A new express train to «Sheremetevo» from the Bielorussia train station (Transportnii Server Moskvi).
85/ «Tolmachevo» receives governmental help, as it is one of the stratigically important Russian companies («Tolmachevo» release).
88/ ARTICLE : «Basel Aero» announces it is postponing the opening of the Sochi airport to next Summer (RBC Daily).

- 90/ The Odessa airport is illegally increasing fuel prices (Gudok).
- 93/ Anapa airport shareholders give «their» airport over for management to «Basel Aero» (Gudok).
- 98/ VneshEkonomBank could give «Koltsovo» 2,25bn Roubles over a period of 10 years (Gudok).
- 99/ «Air Astana» has given the ground support services of its airplanes to «Aeroport Moskva» («Aeroport Moskva» release).
- 102/ The reconstruction of federal assets in the Nizhni Novgorod airport could cost up to 6bn Roubles (Gudok).
- 104/ «Vnukovo» will receive subsidies from Moscow (Interfax).
- 109/ The Omsk Region and «Rosaviatsia» sign an agreement for the termination of works on the «Omsk-Federovka» airport (Interfax).
- 117/ The Uzbek Government allocates 150M USD to the modernization of airports in Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara and Urgench (Regnum).

Legislation

- 66/ The Armenian Parliament decides to add an «air» tax on airtickets (ARKA).
- 114/ Vice-Premier Ivanov says : «Aeronavigation taxes on in-country flights will be frozen until further notice (Interfax).
- 125/ Small jets (under 50 seats) and their engines could be freed of import duties (Dni.ru).

Production and Innovation

- 2/ A new climate control laboratory opens in the TsAGI (TsAGI release).
- 3/ «Avantage» is going to create a modified variant of the A-31.
- 6/ A name was given to the training airplane M-346 : «Master», after havingpassed the sound barrier.
- 17/ The «Perm Engine Plant» is delivering 4 PS-90A for the presidential plane («Perm Engine Plant» release).
- 18/ OAK has launched a survey between Russian airlines to know exactly what they would expect of a new airliner.
- 24/ ARTICLE : «Taganrog Aviation» receives subsidies from the Government to the tune of 300M Roubles (Vedomosti – Yug Rossii).
- 28/ NPO «AeroVolga» is producing 3 LA-8s.
- 35/ ARTICLE : «Sokol» (part of OAK) is asking the Government for a 5bn Rouble help (Kommersant – Nizhni).
- 38/ The Be-300 receives EASA certification (TANTK Berev release).
- 48/ OOO «MVEN» wants to show off its «Murena» aircraft in MAKS this year.
- 67/ Head of «Aviastar-SP» says : «We're not planning redundancies» (RosBalt).
- 68/ Mister Morozov, Ulyanovsk Governor, agrees on an aviation employment program for the period 2008-201 (RosBalt).
- 79/ ARTICLE : After having received assets from the Government, «Rostechology» is now asking for financial help (Vedomosti).
- 82/ 60 years ago, the La-176 reached the speed of sound (CNews).
- 87/ ARTICLE : 6 companies out of the 295 that could receive government help are from the Samara Region. «Motorostroitel» and «Progress», thanks to «Roskosmos» are part of them (Vedomosti – Povolzhe).
- 89/ ARTICLE : Oligarkh and foreign partners, everybody wants to work with «Rostechology» (RBC Daily).
- 96/ According to a college of experts from the Accounts Chamber, OAK isn't following the general strategy for the development of the aeronautical industry until 2015 (Gudok).
- 106/ «Rostechology» has to create 30 integrated structures (ARMS-TASS).
- 123/ 40 years ago, the first flight of the Tu-144, first Russian passenger jet to break the sound barrier (ITAR-TASS).
- 122/ The Government will spend up to 10bn Roubles to keep the «Moscow Machinebuilding Enterprise Chernishev» going (ARMS-TASS).
- 127/ OAK's board of directors examines the problem of supporting 3 aviation plants : in Ulyanovsk, in Voronezh and in Kazan (Interfax).

Air Fuel Price and Stock

- 9/ ARTICLE : NRK (owned by Mister Lebedev) almost lost 3% of «Aeroflot» because of a margin call and has asked the VneshEkonomBank to refinance its debts (Vedomosti).
- 49/ Kamchatka fuelers lower by 6% their prices for airlines (RIA «Novosti»).
- 54/ ARTICLE : «TOAP» could announce its bankruptcy during the first days of next year. It owes 4,1bn Roubles to its providers (RBC Daily).
- 71/ The Tyumen Region is going to buy 42,5 million shares of «Roshchino» or 49,999% (Kommersant – Ekaterinburg).
- 72/ ARTICLE : «Perm Motors» (OAO) enters the Moscow stock exchange (Kommersant – Perm).
- 75/ «Vnukovo» release 624 540 shares which could give it 18,5bn Roubles (Gudok).
- 80/ «Rossia» will lower its fuel surtaxes from 33 to 22 Euros on the Moscow – Saint-Petersburg flight (Travel.ru).
- 129/ The government will increase its «MMP Chernyshev» shares package up to 70% (ARMS-TASS).

Stats (since the beginning of the year and in comparison to the same period last year)

- 1/ Ural Airlines : +20% (1 372 322 passengers).
- 19/ «Sky Express» : +63% (969 000 passengers) (Gudok).
- 34/ «Domodedovo» : +11% (19 259 909 passengers).
- 44/ «Transaero» : +53% (4 587 435 passengser)
- 56/ «Orenburg Airlines» : +51,9% (1 063 616 passengers).

Agreements, Partnerships, Mergers...

- 4/ OAK and the Rostov Region have signed a partnership agreement.
- 15/ OAK and the Nizhni Novgorod Region sign a partnership agreement (OAK release).
- 103/ The bank «Saint-Petersburg» is the new owner of «KD avia» (Regnum).

Crisis

- 5/ ARTICLE : 49% of «Malev», now Boris Abramovich asset, will very soon be given over to the VneshEkonombank which will then probably give «Aeroflot» management of the package (Kommersant).
- 11/ ARTICLE : Because of his debts, Boris Abramovich could be forced to sell his 49% package of «Malev» (Gazeta).
- 12/ «Aeroflot» is refusing to unite with «S7» because of its poor financial situation (Gudok).
- 13/ The Khabarovsk An-2 maintenance plant has to close (Gudok).
- 21/ ARTICLE : During the last 9 months, «Aeroflot»'s net profit has fallen by 56,8% (152M USD). However, there has been a bottoming out due to the decrease of fuel prices (Kommersant).
- 83/ «Pokrovskie Vorota» pay off 207M Roubles «KrasAir» owed its employees (Vzgliad).
- 84/ The FAS fines «ALKOA RUS», the aluminium provider 1 772 000 Roubles because of ill-behaviour using its dominant position on the market (Gazeta.ru).
- 108/ The global crisis was especially bad for commercial aviation and for train transportation, says Mister Levitin (PRIME-TASS).
- 110/ Mister Lebedev, head of the National Reserve Corporation, announces that the 400M USD credit he got last year on security of his 25% «Aeroflot» package, has to be paid back this year to Russian and foreign banks, not only to the Deutsche Bank (NEWSru.com).
- 111/ The Russian Trading System stops movements on «Aeroflot» shares for an hour because quotations plummet (Finam.ru).

Miscellaneous

- 16/ «Aeroflot» is giving away its old airplanes : an Il-86 to the Moscow State Technical University for Civil Aviation («Aeroflot» release).
- 20/ Dogs used to chase birds away (Travel.ru).
- 25/ The Russian Ministry of Extreme Situations is looking for an airplane to learn to use the Be-200.
- 86/ «Aeroflot-Cargo» stops using its DC-10s («Aeroflot-Cargo» release).
- 95/ IFK signs with VneshEkonombank a credit agreement for 1,2bn Roubles.
- 94/ «Region-Avia» receive their first Embraer-120.
- 101/ ARTICLE : November 23 was the birthday of the signing by President Putin of a decree for the creation of «Rostech» (Nezavisimaya Gazeta).
- 112/ In 2009, journalists travelling with the President will fly on a brand new airplane (Interfax).

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