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Copa Holdings Reports Net Income of US\$113.1 Million and EPS of US\$2.57 for the First Quarter of 2015

Excluding special items, adjusted net income came in at US\$106.0 million, or EPS of US\$2.41 per share

PANAMA CITY, May 6, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Copa Holdings, S.A. (NYSE: CPA), today announced financial results for the first quarter of 2015 (1Q15). The terms "Copa Holdings" or "the Company" refer to the consolidated entity. The following financial information, unless otherwise indicated, is presented in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). See the accompanying reconciliation of non-IFRS financial information to IFRS financial information included in financial tables section of this earnings release. Unless otherwise stated, all comparisons with prior periods refer to the first quarter of 2014 (1Q14).

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Copa Holdings reported net income of US\$113.1 million for 1Q15, or diluted earnings per share (EPS) of US\$2.57. Excluding special items, Copa Holdings would have reported an adjusted net income of US\$106.0 million, or EPS of US\$2.41 per share, a 30.4% decrease over adjusted net income of US\$153.6 million and US\$3.46 per share for 1Q14.
- Operating income for 1Q15 came in at US\$127.3 million, a 28.1% decrease over operating income of US\$177.0 million in 1Q14. Operating margin for the period came in at 20.1%, compared to 24.8% in 1Q14, as a result of lower unit revenues partially offset by lower unit costs.
- Total revenues decreased 11.5% to US\$631.8 million. Yield per passenger mile decreased 16.2% to 14.8 cents and operating revenue per available seat mile (RASM) decreased 18.3% to 11.6 cents. Adjusting for an 8.5% increase in length of haul, yields and RASM decreased 12.7% and 14.9%, respectively.
- For 1Q14, passenger traffic (RPMs) grew 5.8% on a 8.3% capacity expansion. Consolidated load factor came in at 76.3%, 1.8 percentage points below 1Q14.
- Operating cost per available seat mile (CASM) decreased 13.2%, from 10.7 cents in 1Q14 to 9.3 cents in 1Q15 mainly due to lower jet fuel costs. CASM, excluding fuel, decreased 3.4% to 6.3 cents mainly due to lower sales related expenses and lower overhead expenses.
- Cash, short-term and long-term investments ended 1Q15 at US\$1.16 billion, representing 44% of the last twelve months' revenues. Of this amount, 41% or US\$470.1 million was in Venezuela pending repatriation due to government currency controls.
- During the first quarter, Copa Airlines took delivery of one Boeing 737-800 aircraft, and returned a leased Boeing 737-700. As a result, Copa Holdings ended the quarter with a consolidated fleet of 98 aircraft.
- For 1Q15, Copa Holdings reported consolidated on-time performance of 90.0% and a flight-completion factor of 99.5%, maintaining its position among the best in the industry.

Subsequent Events

- On April 10, 2015, Copa Holdings signed an order with Boeing to purchase 61 737-MAX aircraft, worth US\$6.6 billion at Boeing list prices. The aircraft are expected to be delivered between 2018 and 2024.
- On June 15, 2015, Copa Holdings will pay its second quarter dividend of US\$0.84 per share, on all outstanding Class A and Class B shares, to stockholders of record as of May 29, 2015.

Consolidated Financial & Operating Highlights	1Q15	1Q14	% Change	4Q14	% Change
Revenue Passengers Carried ('000)	1,965	2,032	-3.3%	1,952	0.6%
RPMs (mm)	4,143	3,917	5.8%	4,036	2.7%
ASMs (mm)	5,433	5,015	8.3%	5,377	1.0%
Load Factor	76.3%	78.1%	-1.8 p.p.	75.1%	1.2 p.p.
Yield	14.8	17.7	-16.2%	16.1	-8.0%
PRASM (US\$ Cents)	11.3	13.8	-18.2%	12.1	-6.5%
RASM (US\$ Cents)	11.6	14.2	-18.3%	12.5	-6.8%
CASM (US\$ Cents)	9.3	10.7	-13.2%	10.3	-9.5%
CASM Excl. Fuel (US\$ Cents)	6.3	6.6	-3.4%	6.7	-4.9%
Breakeven Load Factor ⁽¹⁾	60.0%	57.6%	2.4 p.p.	57.5%	2.5 p.p.
Fuel Gallons Consumed (Millions)	69.6	65.3	6.6%	69.1	0.8%
Avg. Price Per Fuel Gallon (US\$ Dollars)	2.31	3.19	-27.5%	2.81	-17.9%

Average Length of Haul (Miles)	2,109	1,944	8.5%	2,067	2.0%
Average Stage Length (Miles)	1,247	1,173	6.3%	1,234	1.1%
Departures	30,603	30,546	0.2%	30,676	-0.2%
Block Hours	97,530	91,569	6.5%	97,399	0.1%
Average Aircraft Utilization (Hours)	11.1	11.3	-2.2%	10.8	2.0%
Operating Revenues (US\$ mm)	631.8	713.6	-11.5%	670.9	-5.8%
Operating Income (US\$ mm)	127.3	177.0	-28.1%	118.8	7.1%
Operating Margin	20.1%	24.8%	-4.7 p.p.	17.7%	2.4 p.p.
Net Income (US\$ mm)	113.1	151.4	-25.3%	35.9	214.9%
Adjusted Net Income (US\$ mm) ⁽¹⁾	106.0	153.6	-30.9%	125.3	-15.4%
EPS - Basic and Diluted (US\$)	2.57	3.41	-24.7%	0.81	216.9%
Adjusted EPS - Basic and Diluted (US\$) ⁽¹⁾	2.41	3.46	-30.4%	2.83	-14.9%
# of Shares - Basic and Diluted ('000)	44,077	44,403	-0.7%	44,355	-0.6%

⁽¹⁾ Breakeven Load Factor, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS for 1Q15, 1Q14, and 4Q14 exclude non-cash charges/gains associated with the mark-to-market of fuel hedges, and the impact of the Venezuelan currency devaluation.
Note: Attached to this press release is a reconciliation of non-IFRS financial measures to the comparable IFRS measures.

FULL 1Q15 EARNINGS RELEASE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT: <http://investor.shareholder.com/copa/results.cfm>

1Q15 EARNINGS RESULTS CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST

Date: May 7, 2015
Time: 11:00 AM US ET (10:00 AM Local Time)
Conference telephone number: 877-293-5456 (US Domestic Callers)
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Webcast: <http://investor.shareholder.com/copa/events.cfm>
Speakers: Pedro Heilbron, Chief Executive Officer
Jose Montero, Chief Financial Officer

About Copa Holdings:

Copa Holdings is a leading Latin American provider of passenger and cargo services. The Company, through its operating subsidiaries, provides service to 73 destinations in 30 countries in North, Central and South America and the Caribbean with one of the youngest and most modern fleets in the industry, consisting of 98 aircraft: 72 Boeing 737NG aircraft and 26 EMBRAER-190s. For more information visit: www.copa.com.

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Copa Holdings, S.A.
Income Statement - IFRS
(US\$ Thousands)

	Unaudited 1Q15	Unaudited 1Q14	% Change	Unaudited 4Q14	% Change
Operating Revenues					

Passenger Revenue	613,510	691,977	-11.3%	649,521	-5.5%
Cargo, mail and other	18,323	21,629	-15.3%	21,406	-14.4%
Total Operating Revenue	631,833	713,605	-11.5%	670,927	-5.8%
Operating Expenses					
Aircraft fuel	160,791	208,014	-22.7%	194,143	-17.2%
Salaries and benefits	78,022	73,976	5.5%	81,605	-4.4%
Passenger servicing	66,142	64,118	3.2%	70,319	-5.9%
Commissions	25,988	26,132	-0.6%	25,311	2.7%
Reservations and sales	21,500	23,853	-9.9%	23,809	-9.7%
Maintenance, material and repairs	25,709	24,746	3.9%	23,187	10.9%
Depreciation	31,464	27,821	13.1%	31,512	-0.2%
Flight operations	33,346	31,134	7.1%	34,461	-3.2%
Aircraft rentals	30,245	25,315	19.5%	30,152	0.3%
Landing fees and other rentals	13,748	13,253	3.7%	13,745	0.0%
Other	17,601	18,246	-3.5%	23,847	-26.2%
Total Operating Expense	504,555	536,607	-6.0%	552,091	-8.6%
Operating Income	127,279	176,999	-28.1%	118,836	7.1%
Non-operating Income (Expense):					
Interest expense	(7,590)	(7,094)	7.0%	(7,940)	-4.4%
Interest income	6,275	3,736	68.0%	6,379	-1.6%
Other, net	2,083	67	n/m	(81,867)	n/m
Total Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	768	(3,291)	-123.4%	(83,427)	-100.9%
Income before Income Taxes	128,047	173,707	-26.3%	35,409	261.6%
Provision for Income Taxes	14,926	22,350	-33.2%	(516)	n/m
Net Income	113,121	151,357	-25.3%	35,925	214.9%

EPS - Basic and Diluted	2.57	3.41	-24.7%	0.81	216.9%
Shares - Basic and Diluted	44,077,111	44,402,832	-0.7%	44,354,963	-0.6%

Copa Holdings, S.A.
Balance Sheet - IFRS
(US\$ Thousands)

	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 220,409	\$ 221,443
Short-term investments	380,872	545,160
Total cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	601,281	766,603
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	138,234	121,258
Accounts receivable from related parties	755	892
Expendable parts and supplies, net of allowance for obsolescence	61,891	59,954
Prepaid expenses	61,818	56,793
Other current assets	6,455	5,949
Total Current Assets	870,434	1,011,449
Long-term investments	558,290	396,802
Property and Equipment:		
Owned property and equipment:		
Flight equipment	2,776,098	2,725,407
Other equipment	94,337	89,257
	2,870,435	2,814,664
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(651,761)	(630,503)
	2,218,674	2,184,161

Purchase deposits for flight equipment	324,466	321,175
Total Property and Equipment	<u>2,543,139</u>	<u>2,505,336</u>
Other Assets:		
Net pension asset	13,473	13,784
Goodwill	18,928	20,380
Intangible asset	38,506	36,915
Deferred tax Assets	12,985	17,235
Other assets	86,307	88,973
Total Other Assets	<u>170,199</u>	<u>177,287</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 4,142,063</u>	<u>\$ 4,090,874</u>

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY

Current Liabilities:

Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 206,544	\$ 187,646
Accounts payable	115,340	125,412
Accounts payable to related parties	10,625	6,749
Air traffic liability	382,742	408,012
Taxes and interest payable	67,030	58,554
Accrued expenses payable	76,412	85,847
Other current liabilities	98,307	109,277
Total Current Liabilities	<u>957,000</u>	<u>981,497</u>

Non-Current Liabilities:

Long-term debt	943,003	928,964
Post employment benefits liability	11,834	11,262
Other long-term liabilities	66,508	57,747
Deferred tax liabilities	31,775	36,296
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>1,053,120</u>	<u>1,034,269</u>

Total Liabilities

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Shareholders' Equity:

Class A - 33,451,370 issued and 32,977,353 outstanding	20,923	20,859
Class B - 10,938,125 shares issued and outstanding	7,466	7,466
Additional paid in capital	54,562	53,486
Treasury Stock	(36,274)	(18,426)
Retained earnings	2,084,253	2,011,485
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	1,013	238
Total Shareholders' Equity	<u>2,131,943</u>	<u>2,075,108</u>
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	<u>\$ 4,142,063</u>	<u>\$ 4,090,874</u>

NON-IFRS FINANCIAL MEASURE RECONCILIATION

This press release includes the following non IFRS financial measures: CASM Excluding Fuel, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS. This supplemental information is presented because we believe it is a useful indicator of our operating performance and is useful in comparing our performance with other companies in the airline industry. These measures should not be considered in isolation, and should be considered together with comparable IFRS measures, in particular operating income and net income. The following is a reconciliation of these non-IFRS financial measures to the comparable IFRS measures:

Reconciliation of Net Income

Excluding Special Items	1Q15	1Q14	4Q14
Net income as Reported	\$113,121	\$151,357	\$35,925
Special Items (adjustments):			
Unrealized (gain) loss on fuel hedging instruments	7,115	(3,373)	(89,058)
(Loss) gain due to devaluation of Venezuelan Bolivar	(36)	1,178	(350)
Adjusted Net Income	<u>\$106,043</u>	<u>\$153,553</u>	<u>\$125,333</u>

Shares used for Computation (in thousands)			
Basic and Diluted	<u>44,077</u>	<u>44,403</u>	<u>44,355</u>
Adjusted earnings per share - Basic and Diluted	<u>2.41</u>	<u>3.46</u>	<u>2.83</u>
Reconciliation Operating Costs per ASM			
Excluding Fuel and Special Items	<u>1Q15</u>	<u>1Q14</u>	<u>4Q14</u>
Operating Costs per ASM as Reported	9.3	10.7	10.3
Aircraft fuel per ASM	<u>(3.0)</u>	<u>(4.1)</u>	<u>(3.6)</u>
Operating Costs per ASM excluding fuel	<u>6.3</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>6.7</u>

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