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Passenger Screening Returns to Red Deer Airport

April 30, 2013 – RJ Steenstra, CEO of the Red Deer Airport Authority, today announced The Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) will be screening all departing passengers on scheduled flights departing from the Red Deer Airport starting in May. CATSA is the crown corporation responsible for screening of passengers, personnel and baggage at airports across Canada.

“Security screening measures at airports are an important part of protecting you and your fellow travellers.” Steenstra said. “We are pleased to see a more seamless travel experience for passengers flying from Red Deer Airport into other secure airports.”

Passengers and their belongings will be screened before they enter the secure area of the airport terminal. Screening officers will use a variety of screening technologies and procedures to ensure that no objects or materials that are on Transport Canada’s Prohibited Items List are taken on board an aircraft. Transport Canada manages the list of items that airline passengers are permitted to carry through pre-board screening checkpoints at Canada's major airports.

This service is an important step in Red Deer Airport’s progress and growth. Four screening personnel will offer services for flights 6 days per week. “Continuing to provide a safe and secure environment is a key objective for Red Deer Airport Authority as we work to build YQF as an aviation gateway to the Central Alberta region,” said RJ Steenstra. “We will continue to strengthen aviation security in a way that balances security and efficiency.”

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Serving Central Albertans, Red Deer Airport now offers scheduled service through Northwestern Airlines to Kelowna, Abbotsford and Fort McMurray. With 51,000 aircraft movements, YQF continues to be one of the busiest regional airports in Canada and a vital and vibrant transportation link for Central Alberta. The Red Deer Airport Authority is a not-for-profit, non-share Capital Corporation incorporated under the Alberta Regional Airports Authorities Act. Since 1992, it has been responsible for the management, maintenance and development of Red Deer Airport.

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