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China Southern Airlines Company Limited (the "Company") together with its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") is one of the largest airlines in the People's Republic of China ("China" or "the PRC"). In 2002, the Group continued to rank first among all Chinese airlines in terms of volume of passenger traffic, number of scheduled flights per week, number of hours flown, number of routes and size of aircraft fleet.

As of the year end of 2002, the Group operated 349 routes, of which 286 were domestic, 43 were international and 20 were Hong Kong regional. The Group operates the most extensive domestic route network among all Chinese airlines. In 2002, the Group operated an average of 4,282 landings and take-offs per week serving 88 destinations, covering 64 cities in China including Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Wuhan, Changsha, Zhengzhou, Xiamen, Xian and Chengdu. Most of these cities served by the Group are located in commercial centres or rapidly developing economic regions in China. The Group's headquarters is located in Guangzhou, one of the gateway cities of China. Located in the rapidly developing Pearl River Delta region, Guangzhou is the transportation hub of Southern China.

In addition to its main route base in Guangzhou, the Group maintains 10 regional route bases in Zhengzhou, Wuhan, Changsha, Shenzhen, Haikou, Zhuhai, Xiamen, Guilin, Shantou and Guiyang. Most of its regional route bases are located in provincial capitals or major commercial centres in the PRC.

The Group operates a portion of its air transportation business through its subsidiaries, namely Xiamen Airlines Company Limited, Southern Airlines Group Shantou Airlines Company Limited, Guangxi Airlines Company Limited, Zhuhai Airlines Company Limited and Guizhou Airlines Company Limited (collectively, the "Airline Subsidiaries"). Each of the Airline Subsidiaries is 60%-owned by the Company.

As of 31 December, 2002, the Group operated a fleet of 122 aircraft, consisting primarily of Boeing 737-200, 737-300, 737-500, 737-700, 737-800, 747-200, 747-400, 757-200, 777-200 and Airbus 320-200 aircraft. Most of the Aircraft were held under finance and operating leases. The average age of the Group's fleet was 7.76 years as of the year end of 2002.