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Regional News	Industry News
23 Nov 2013 - <u>A short report into Birmingham Airport's role as a growing international hub airport.</u>	23 Nov 2013 - <u>Moscow could soon have a fourth passenger airport if the city can find investors interested in investing 7b Rubles (approx. £130m) to develop the Ramenskoe Test Airfield.</u>
24 Nov 2013 - <u>Prestwick Airport has passed into public ownership after being bought by the Scottish government for £1. The facility, which was put up for sale last year by New Zealand firm Infratil, has incurred annual losses of £2m.</u>	25 Nov 2013 - <u>Ryanair has been granted access to start flights in March 2014 from Dublin to Moscow and St Petersburg.</u>
24 Nov 2013 - <u>The carrier WizzAir is now offering package holidays from Doncaster Sheffield Robin Hood Airport to destinations in Poland.</u>	25 Nov 2013 - <u>Nick Stevens the Manager of External Operations Analysis at NATS writes about five ways which he believes would improve airport capacity without building extra runways.</u>
25 Nov 2013 - <u>The London Stansted Cambridge Consortium are lobbying for more long-haul flights out of Stansted Airport to support exports and help the area's high-growth industries.</u>	
25 Nov 2013 - <u>The airport of the Isles of Scilly is undergoing a special inspection because of concerns over its management, the UK's air regulator says.</u>	
25 Nov 2013 - <u>Flybe staff have held face to face talks with the airline's Chief Executive as he prepares to close their Guernsey and Jersey bases.</u>	
26 Nov 2013 - <u>British Airways is to begin routes from London City to Rotterdam and Florence from March 2014. The carrier are also adding extra daily flights from the Docklands airport to Amsterdam, Edinburgh and Zurich.</u>	
26 Nov 2013 - <u>Businesses at London-Oxford Airport say their profits have increased in the last year, as a result of an increased demand to use private jets.</u>	
27 Nov 2013 - <u>A new Monarch Aircraft Engineering Limited maintenance hangar has opened at Birmingham Airport. It is the only hangar in the country to have space for maintenance of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.</u>	
27 Nov 2013 - <u>East Midlands Airport has released figures which have shown its busiest summer since 2008: while the number of passengers using Manchester Airport increased by 6.6 per cent to 1.88m in October, its seventeenth consecutive month of year-on-year growth.</u>	
27 Nov 2013 - <u>The Honest Truth Partnership has launched a campaign at Exeter Airport to reduce anti social driving and the number of young people killed or seriously injured on the roads.</u>	
28 Nov 2013 - <u>A second consultation process is underway concerning the future of Durham Tees Valley Airport. The consultation is taking the form of public drop-in sessions to be held during December.</u>	
28 Nov 2013 - <u>The impact on State-owned airline Aurigny of a new operator on the Guernsey-Gatwick route will be considered in license applications.</u>	
28 Nov 2013 - <u>A proposed expansion of Luton Airport has been put on hold after concerns were reported to have been raised by Hertfordshire County Council.</u>	
28 Nov 2013 - <u>Luton Airport Operations has completed its concession acquisition by Ardian and AENA Group. Ardian is an independent private investment company and AENA is a leading airport operator.</u>	
	Media News
	27 Nov 2013 - <u>Virgin Atlantic have called for the establishment of an independent noise ombudsman, which they say will help to cut down on disruption people living under flight paths and near airports. 29 Nov 2013</u> - <u>The London Assembly have also requested the establishment of an independent regulator to protect those affected by aviation noise.</u>
	29 Nov 2013 - <u>An advertising display on the A4 near Chiswick Roundabout which interacts with British Airways planes as they fly overhead is in breach of planning conditions according to a local residents' group.</u>

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The following sources are also used in this bulletin: Air & Business Travel News, ACI Airports Council International, Aviation International, BAA Ltd, Environmental Data Services, International Air Transport Association, BBC, The Independent, The Standard, The Telegraph, Transportinfo, UK Parliament.