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Regional News	Industry News
28 July 2014 - The Managing Director of Highlands and Islands Airports, Inglis Lyon and colleagues from Aberdeen Airport and north-east transport partnership Nestrans, have met with the Airports Commission to discuss regional air links.	28 July 2014 - The owners of Bristol Airport, the Australian bank Macquarie Group, is reported to be looking to sell its 50 per cent stake in the airport.
28 July 2014 - Heathrow Airport have posted details about airspace trials they are currently testing. The easterly departure trial runs from 28 July 2014 - 26 January 2015.	28 July 2014 - London City Airport has been recognised for its increasing commitment to reducing its carbon footprint by the Airport Carbon Accreditation programme.
29 July 2014 - Humber Flying Club has been accepted as an EU Approved Training Organisation.	29 July 2014 - European researchers have used European Commission funding to develop a new software and sensor system that claims to reduce carbon emissions and energy costs by 20 per cent in airports.
29 July 2014 - Land's End Airport has reopened after work to tarmac its two runways has now been completed.	29 July 2014 - The airline operator Flybe has responded to the Airports Commission Discussion paper 6 by saying that it feels it is 'short-sighted' to only focus on the south east of England for airport capacity development.
29 July 2014 - Leeds Bradford International Airport has announced a £1.2 million investment at the site.	29 July 2014 - The British Airline Pilots' Association (Balpa) has demanded 'an urgent meeting' with UK ministers to discuss safety in the air following the shooting down of a Malaysia Airlines flight.
29 July 2014 - A report outlining the future plans for Manston Airport in Kent has been published by Thanet District Council. The report based on information produced by aviation industry consultants, Falcon Consultancy Limited suggests a 20-year business plan would be needed to rebuild confidence in the airport.	29 July 2014 - The airline operator Ryanair has said that it is considering introducing cheap flights beyond Europe.
31 July 2014 - Chief Executive of Gatwick Airport, Stewart Wingate said this week that Croydon Council was among those hopeful that the airport would be chosen by the Airports Commission for expansion.	30 July 2014 - The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) are to form a task force on airline safety.
1 Aug 2014 - A business plan to reopen Manston Airport is to be developed after councillors agreed to accept the recommendations of a report looking into how to make the airport viable.	30 July 2014 - Responding to an Airports Commission consultation on the UK's existing airport capacity, the Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI) has called for the future expansion of London airports to take Scotland and other UK regions into consideration.
1 Aug 2014 - The first video footage of the line testing which has begun on Metrolink's new route to Manchester Airport is now available (link contains video footage).	30 July 2014 - Heathrow Airport have published a new advice leaflet for disabled passengers.
3 Aug 2014 - Members of the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC) and Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions (CAGNE) have called on Gatwick Airport to offer 'proper compensation' to people who would be most affected by the building of a second runway.	31 July 2014 - Managing Director of Guernsey Airport, Colin Le Ray has said that the airport's new £3m radar system will ultimately save the island money.
	31 Aug 2014 - Airport operators BAA have placed Glasgow, Aberdeen and Southampton Airports for sale.
	1 Aug 2014 - International Airlines Group (IAG) is converting eight Airbus A350-900 aircraft options into firm orders and securing eight A330-200 aircraft for Iberia. These aircraft will replace 16 A340 family aircraft in Iberia's longhaul fleet and will be delivered between 2015 and 2020. IAG also stated this week that the company had moved into profit for the first half of the year after an improved performance from its Spanish airline, Iberia. The group made a pre-tax profit of 155m Euros (\$207m; £123m), compared with a 177m-euro loss a year ago.
Media News	
31 July 2014 - British Airways has been ordered to change the way it advertises direct flights on its website to make it easier for customers to see the number and location of any stops en-route.	
31 July 2014 - Consolidation in the global airline business is to gather pace over the next five years, according to a panel of industry experts.	

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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.

