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Continental Suspends Cleveland–London Flight

(Cleveland), December 4, 2009 — Yesterday, Continental Airlines announced its plan to suspend the nonstop Cleveland to London Heathrow service due to a problem retaining slots at London's Heathrow Airport. The once daily flight operated from May through September in 2009 with a 175-seat, Boeing 757-200 aircraft. Obviously, we are disappointed by this announcement. However, we are hopeful that service to Europe can be resumed sometime in the not-so-distant future when the world economy and other factors improve. To that end, the Cleveland Airport System management will renew efforts to secure nonstop transatlantic air service.

We work very closely with Continental, our hub carrier, the other airline partners at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, as well as prospect airlines to sustain and grow both international and domestic air service.

Mayor Frank Jackson, in partnership with the Greater Cleveland Partnership and the Cleveland Airport System Business Advisory Committee, will lead a delegation of regional business leaders to meet with Continental about international and domestic air service development opportunities. The meeting will be held in Houston, Texas during the first quarter of 2010.

The Cleveland Airport System has an active and comprehensive air service development program. These efforts, combined with strategies being explored by the Cleveland Airport System Business Advisory Committee, will position CLE as an even more viable option for international and domestic air service in the future.