

Carnival Corporation & plc Reports Second Quarter Earnings

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MIAMI, June 19 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Carnival Corporation & plc (NYSE/LSE: CCL; NYSE: CUK) reported net income for its second quarter ended May 31, 2007 of \$390 million, or \$0.48 diluted EPS, compared to net income for the second quarter of 2006 of \$380 million, or \$0.46 diluted EPS. Revenues for the second quarter 2007 increased to \$2.90 billion from \$2.66 billion in the second quarter of 2006.

Net income for the six months ended May 31, 2007, was \$673 million, or \$0.83 diluted EPS, on revenues of \$5.59 billion, compared to net income of \$631 million, or \$0.77 diluted EPS, on revenues of \$5.13 billion for the same period in 2006.

Carnival Corporation & plc Chairman and CEO Micky Arison said that second quarter results came in largely in line with expectations.

"Revenues for our North American and European cruise brands were both in line with our expectations. The Caribbean, which still had a relatively high percentage of our capacity during the second quarter, continued to experience price pressure. However, increases in revenue yields from our European brands together with the strengthening Euro and Sterling produced significant revenue yield growth outside of North America," Arison said. "The decision to expand our European cruise business is working, with the strength of our European brands offsetting some cyclical weakness in the contemporary segment of North America," Arison noted.

Arison also pointed out that fuel costs came in higher than forecasted, which impacted earnings by approximately \$0.02 per share.

Key metrics for the second quarter of 2007 were as follows:

- * Net revenue yields (net revenue per available lower berth day) for Q2 2007 increased 0.2 percent (down 2.6 percent on a constant dollar basis) compared to the prior year. Gross revenue yields were approximately equal to the prior year.
- * Net cruise costs per available lower berth day ("ALBD") for Q2 2007 increased 1.3 percent (down 1.5 percent on a constant dollar basis) compared to the prior year. Gross cruise costs per ALBD increased 0.7 percent compared to the prior year.
- * Excluding fuel, net cruise cost per ALBD on a constant dollar basis was equal to the prior year.
- * Fuel price increased 7 percent to \$333 per metric ton compared to our previous guidance of \$310 per metric ton. Fuel price per metric ton in the second quarter of 2006 was \$354.

Recently, the company also took steps towards the ongoing modernization of its fleet by selling P&O Australia's Pacific Star and announcing the sale of Cunard's Queen Elizabeth 2, which are expected to leave the fleet in March and November of 2008, respectively. In addition, the company took delivery of three highly acclaimed new ships in the second quarter -- Princess Cruises' 3,100-passenger Emerald Princess, AIDA Cruises' 2,050-passenger AIDAdiva, and Costa Cruises' 3,000-passenger Costa Serena, all of which are enjoying very successful inaugural seasons in Europe this summer.

The company also noted that it continues to work towards the completion of the previously announced joint ventures with Iberojet in Spain and TUI in Germany. The company continues to expect both joint ventures to be completed in the second half of the year. Both transactions may be subject to regulatory review.

Outlook for the Remainder of 2007

On a cumulative basis, occupancy for advance bookings taken for the second half of 2007 are nicely ahead of last year with pricing on a current dollar basis down slightly compared to last year.

As the company moves into the second half of the year it has more deployments in Europe and less capacity devoted to the Caribbean. "Our North American brands are enjoying strong European and Alaskan programs and our European brands are performing well against strong comparisons last year," Arison said. He also noted that pricing for Caribbean sailings in the second half of 2007 appears to have stabilized, which he attributed to consumer recognition of the tremendous value proposition of these cruise vacations. Since the beginning of the year, booking volumes for Carnival Cruise Lines, which has the vast majority of its sailings in the Caribbean, are up approximately 18 percent year over year. This compares to a 5.5 percent capacity increase for the full year.

The company's 2007 full year revenue yield expectations on a constant dollar basis remain on track with the guidance given last March. Excluding fuel,

cost guidance for the year also remains unchanged on a constant dollar basis. However, fuel prices have increased significantly since our previous guidance, which has reduced earnings estimates by approximately \$0.12 per share for the full year. Based on the above, the company expects full year 2007 earnings per share to be in a range of \$2.85 to \$2.95, compared to \$2.77 per share in 2006. For the third quarter of 2007, the company expects earnings per share to be in the range of \$1.60 to \$1.62 per share, compared to \$1.49 per share in 2006.

Selected Key Forecast Metrics:

	Full Ye	ear 2007	Third Qua	rter 2007
Change in:	Current Dollars	Constant Dollars	Current Dollars	Constant Dollars
Net revenue yields	1%	-1 to -2%	1 to 2%	0 to -1%
Net cruise cost per ALBD	2 to 3%	0 to 1%	2 to 3%	1%
	Full Yea	ar 2007	Third Quarte	r 2007
Fuel price per metric ton Fuel consumption (metric tons	\$34	16	\$375	
in thousands) Currency	3,00	0	755	
Euro	\$1.33	to 1	\$1.33 to	1
Sterling	\$1.97	to 1	\$1.97 to	1

The company has scheduled a conference call with analysts at 10:00 a.m. EDT (15.00 London time) today to discuss its 2007 second quarter earnings. This call can be listened to live, and additional information can be obtained, via Carnival Corporation & plc's Web site at www.carnivalcorp.com and www.carnivalplc.com.

Carnival Corporation & plc is the largest cruise vacation group in the world, with a portfolio of cruise brands in North America, Europe and Australia, comprised of Carnival Cruise Lines, Holland America Line, Princess Cruises, Seabourn Cruise Line, AIDA Cruises, Costa Cruises, Cunard Line, Ocean Village, P&O Cruises and P&O Cruises Australia.

Together, these brands operate 82 ships totaling 154,000 lower berths with 17 new ships scheduled to enter service between December 2007 and June 2011. Carnival Corporation & plc also operates Holland America Tours and Princess Tours, the leading tour companies in Alaska and the Canadian Yukon. Traded on both the New York and London Stock Exchanges, Carnival Corporation & plc is the only group in the world to be included in both the S&P 500 and the FTSE 100 indices.

Cautionary note concerning factors that may affect future results

Some of the statements contained in this earnings release are "forward- looking statements" that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions with respect to Carnival Corporation & plc, including some statements concerning future results, outlook, plans, goals and other events which have not yet occurred. These statements are intended to qualify for the safe harbors from liability provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We have tried, wherever possible, to identify these statements by using words like "will," "may," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "forecast," "future," "intend," "plan," and "estimate" and similar expressions. Because forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, there are many factors that could cause Carnival Corporation & plc's actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied in this earnings release. Forward-looking statements include those statements which may impact the forecasting of earnings per share, net revenue yields, booking levels, pricing, occupancy, operating, financing and/or tax costs, fuel costs, costs per available lower berth day, estimates of ship depreciable lives and residual values, outlook or business prospects. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following: general economic and business conditions, which may adversely impact the levels of Carnival Corporation & plc's potential vacationers' discretionary income and this group's confidence in the U.S. economy, and thereby reduce the net revenue yields for Carnival Corporation & plc's cruise brands; the international political and economic climate, armed conflicts, terrorist attacks and threats thereof, availability of air service and other world events, and their impact on the demand for cruises; conditions in the cruise and land-based vacation industries, including competition from other cruise ship operators and providers of vacation alternatives and increases in capacity offered by cruise ship and land-based vacation alternatives; accidents, unusual weather conditions or natural disasters, such as hurricanes and earthquakes and other incidents (including machinery and equipment failures or improper operation thereof) which could cause the alteration of itineraries or cancellation of a cruise or series of cruises, and the impact of the spread of contagious diseases, affecting the health, safety, security and/or vacation satisfaction of passengers; adverse publicity concerning the cruise industry in general, or Carnival Corporation & plc's in particular, could impact the demand for Carnival Corporation & plc's cruises; lack of acceptance of new itineraries, products and services by Carnival Corporation & plc's guests; changing consumer preferences, which may, among other things, adversely impact the demand for cruises; changes in and compliance with the environmental, health, safety, security, tax and other regulatory regimes under which Carnival Corporation & plc operate, including the implementation of U.S. regulations requiring U.S. citizens to obtain passports for sea travel to or from additional foreign destinations; the impact of changes in operating and financing costs, including changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates and fuel, food, insurance, payroll and security costs; the ability of Carnival Corporation & plc to implement its shipbuilding programs and brand strategies and to continue to operate and expand its business internationally; Carnival Corporation & plc's future operating cash flow may not be sufficient to fund future obligations and Carnival Corporation & plc may not be able to obtain financing, if necessary, on terms that are favorable or consistent with its expectations; Carnival Corporation & plc's ability to attract and retain qualified shipboard

crew and maintain good relations with employee unions; the continuing financial viability of Carnival Corporation & plc's travel agent distribution system and air service providers; Carnival Corporation & plc's decisions to self-insure against various risks or inability to obtain insurance for certain risks; disruptions to Carnival Corporation & plc's information technology systems; continued availability of attractive port destinations; risks associated with the DLC structure, including the uncertainty of its tax status; the impact of pending or threatened litigation; and Carnival Corporation & plc's ability to successfully implement cost reduction plans. Forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as a prediction of actual results. Subject to any continuing obligations under applicable law or any relevant listing rules, Carnival Corporation & plc expressly disclaims any obligation to disseminate, after the date of this release, any updates or revisions to any such forward-looking statements to reflect any change in expectations or events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statements are based.

CARNIVAL CORPORATION & PLC CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended May 31,		Six Mo: Ended M	ay 31,
-	2007		2007	2006
		ons, except	per share	data)
Revenues				
Cruise	40 101	40.000	d4 001	42 020
Passenger tickets Onboard and other				
Other	678 41	42	1,304 53	1,139 56
Ocher	41			
	2,900	2,662		5,125
Costs and Expenses				
Operating				
Cruise				
Commissions,				
transportation				
and other	439	405	910	813
Onboard and othe		101	220	198
Payroll and rela		288	632	560
Fuel	254	247	474	461
Food	181	159	356	311
Other ship	41.6	202	000	E 40
operating Other	416 43	383 37	802 60	740 53
	45	37		55
Total	1,763	1.620	3,454	3,136
Selling and	_,	_,	-,	-,
administrative	406	354	790	720
Depreciation and				
amortization	272	240	532	472
	2,441	2,214	4,776 	4,328
Operating Income	459 	448	812	797
Nonoperating (Expense) Income				
Interest income	17	5	27	12
Interest expense, net of				
capitalized interest	(94)	(75)	(178)	(151)
Other expense, net	(1)	(1)	(1)	(16)(1)
	(78)	(71)	(152)	(155)
Income Before Income Taxes	381	377	660	642
<pre>Income Tax Benefit (Expense), Net</pre>	9	3	13	(11)

Net Income	\$390	\$380	\$673	\$631
	======	======	======	======
Earnings Per Share				
Basic	\$0.49	\$0.47	\$0.85	\$0.78
	======	======	======	======
Diluted	\$0.48	\$0.46	\$0.83	\$0.77
	======	======	======	======
Dividends Per Share	\$0.35	\$0.25	\$0.625	\$0.50
	======	======	======	======
Weighted-Average Shares				
Outstanding - Basic	794	805	794	807
	======	======	======	======
Weighted-Average Shares				
Outstanding - Diluted	829	840	829	843
	======	======	======	======

(1) Includes a \$10\$ million expense for a non-cruise investment write-down and <math>\$5\$ million for a litigation reserve.

CARNIVAL CORPORATION & PLC CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	May 31, 2007	November 30 2006	2006
	(in million		
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,859	\$1,163	\$570
Short-term investments	214	21	13
Trade and other receivables, net	401	280	405
Inventories	282	263	278
Prepaid expenses and other	263	268	240
Total current assets	3,019	1,995	1,506
Property and Equipment, Net		23,458	
Goodwill	3,331	3,313	3,290
Trademarks	1,328	1,321	1,308
Other Assets		465	428
		\$30,552	
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Short-term borrowings	\$1,075	\$438	\$767
Current portion of long-term debt	1,457	1,054	217
Convertible debt subject to	1 170		010
current put options	1,170	438	218
Accounts payable		1,149	
Accrued liabilities and other			
Customer deposits	3,200 	2,336	
Total current liabilities	8,609 	5,415	5,512
Long-Term Debt	5,425	6,355	6,045

Other Long-Term Liabilities and			
Deferred Income	574	572	652
Shareholders' Equity			
Common stock of Carnival Corporation	;		
\$0.01 par value; 1,960 shares			
authorized; 642 shares at 2007, 641			
shares at November 2006 and 640 shares at May 2006 issued	6	6	6
Ordinary shares of Carnival plc;	O	O	O
\$1.66 par value; 226 shares			
authorized; 213 shares at			
2007 and 2006 issued		354	
Additional paid-in capital	· ·	7,479	
Retained earnings		11,600	
Accumulated other comprehensive incommon Treasury stock; 18 shares at 2007	ne 772	661	473
and November 2006 and 10 shares at			
May 2006 of Carnival Corporation and	d		
42 shares at 2007 and 2006 of			
Carnival plc, at cost	(1,887)	(1,890)	(1,524)
Total shareholders' equity	•	18,210	•
	\$33,187		
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CARNIVAL CORPORATION & PLC SELECTED INFORMATION

Three Months Ended May 31,		Six Months Ended May 31,	
2007	2006	2007	2006
(in millions,	except stat	istical ir	nformation)

STATISTICAL INFORMATION Passengers carried				
(in thousands)	1,832	1,708	3,581	3,225(1)
Occupancy percentage	103.7%	105.4%	103.9%	104.8%(2)
Fuel cost per metric ton(3)	\$333	\$354	\$317	\$336
OTHER INFORMATION				
Cash from operations	\$1,494	\$1,272	\$2,091	\$1,885
-		\$726		
SEGMENT INFORMATION				
Revenues				
Cruise	\$2,859	\$2,620	\$5,535	\$5,069
		54		
Intersegment elimination	n (14)	(12)		(14)
_	\$2,900	\$2,662	\$5,588	\$5,125
=	=====	======	======	======
Operating expenses				
Cruise	\$1,720	\$1,583	\$3,394	\$3,083
Other	57	49	76	67
Intersegment elimination	n (14)	(12)	(16)	(14)
	\$1,763 =====	\$1,620 =====		\$3,136 ======

Selling and administration	ve			
expenses				
Cruise	\$398	\$343	\$774	\$698
Other	8	11	16	22
	\$406	\$354	\$790	\$720
	======	======	======	======
Depreciation and				
amortization				
Cruise	\$263	\$232	\$514	\$456
Other	9	8	18	16
	\$272	\$240	\$532	\$472
	======	======	======	======
Operating income (loss)				
Cruise	\$478	\$462	\$853	\$832
Other	(19)	(14)	(41)	(35)
	\$459	 \$448	\$812	\$797
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- (1) Passengers carried in first quarter of 2006 does not include any passengers for the three ships chartered to the Military Sealift Command ("MSC") in connection with the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.
- (2) Occupancy percentage in first quarter of 2006 includes the three ships chartered to the MSC at 100% occupancy.
- (3) Fuel cost per metric ton is calculated by dividing the cost of our fuel by the number of metric tons consumed.

CARNIVAL CORPORATION & PLC NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Gross and net revenue yields were computed by dividing the gross or net revenues, without rounding, by ALBDs as follows:

	Ende	Three Months Ended May 31		May 31,
			2007	
Cruise revenues	(in r	millions, ex	cept ALBDs ar	nd yields)
Passenger tickets Onboard and other		600	\$4,231 1,304	1,139
Gross cruise revenues Less cruise costs Commissions, transportation and	2,859		5,535	
other Onboard and other	(109)	(101)	(910) (220)	(198)
Net cruise revenues(1)				\$4,058
ALBDs(2)	13,369,111	12,242,982	26,187,929 ======	24,179,420

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Net revenue yields(1)	\$172.90	\$172.63	\$168.21	\$167.78
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Gross revenue yields(1)	\$213.87	\$214.00	\$211.35	\$209.63

Gross and net cruise costs per ALBD were computed by dividing the gross or net cruise costs, without rounding, by ALBDs as follows:

	Ended	Three Months Ended May 31		onths May 31,
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	(in millions,			
Cruise operating expenses Cruise selling and	\$1,720	\$1,583	\$3,394	\$3,083
administrative expenses		343		
Gross cruise costs Less cruise costs included in net cruise revenues Commissions, transportation and	2,118			
other Onboard and other	(109)	(405) (101)	(220)	(198)
Net cruise costs(1)	\$1,570		\$3,038	\$2,770
ALBDs(2)		12,242,982		
Gross cruise costs per ALBD(1)		\$157.35		
Net cruise costs per ALBD(1)		\$115.98 =======		

NOTES TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(1) We use net cruise revenues per ALBD ("net revenue yields") and net cruise costs per ALBD as significant non-GAAP financial measures of our cruise segment financial performance. We believe that net revenue yields are commonly used in the cruise industry to measure a company's cruise segment revenue performance. This measure is also used for revenue management purposes. In calculating net revenue yields, we use "net cruise revenues" rather than "gross cruise revenues." We believe that net cruise revenues is a more meaningful measure in determining revenue yield than gross cruise revenues because it reflects the cruise revenues earned by us net of our most significant variable costs, which are travel agent commissions, cost of air transportation and certain other variable direct costs associated with onboard revenues. Substantially all of our remaining cruise costs are largely fixed once our ship capacity levels have been determined, except for the impact of changing prices.

Net cruise costs per ALBD is the most significant measure we use to monitor our cruise segment costs rather than gross cruise costs per ALBD. In calculating net cruise costs, we exclude the same variable costs that are included in the calculation of net cruise revenues. This is done to avoid duplicating these variable costs in these two

We have not provided estimates of future gross revenue yields or future gross cruise costs per ALBD because the reconciliations of forecasted net cruise revenues to forecasted gross cruise revenues or forecasted net cruise costs to forecasted cruise operating expenses would require us to forecast, with reasonable accuracy, the amount of air and other transportation costs that our forecasted cruise passengers would elect to purchase from us (the "air/sea mix"). Since the forecasting of future air/sea mix involves several significant variables that are relatively difficult to forecast and the revenues from the sale of air and other transportation approximate the costs of providing that transportation, management focuses primarily on forecasts of net cruise revenues and costs rather than gross cruise revenues and costs. This does not impact, in any material respect, our ability to forecast our future results, as any variation in the air/sea mix has no material impact on our forecasted net cruise revenues or forecasted net cruise costs. As such, management does not believe that this reconciling information would be meaningful.

We also monitor these two non-GAAP financial measures assuming the 2007 currency exchange rates have remained constant with the 2006 comparable period rates, or on a "constant dollar basis," in order to remove the impact of changes in exchange rates on our non-U.S. dollar cruise operations. We believe that this is a useful measure indicating the actual growth of our operations in a fluctuating currency exchange rate environment. On a constant dollar basis, net cruise revenues and net cruise costs would be \$2.25 billion and \$1.53 billion for the three months ended May 31, 2007 and \$4.29 billion and \$2.96 billion for the six months ended May 31, 2007, respectively. On a constant dollar basis, gross cruise revenues and gross cruise costs would be \$2.78 billion and \$2.06 billion for the three months ended May 31, 2007 and \$5.38 billion and \$4.05 billion for the six months ended May 31, 2007, respectively. In addition, our non-U.S. dollar cruise operations' depreciation and net interest expense were impacted by changes in exchange rates for the three and six months ended May 31, 2007, compared to the prior year's comparable periods.

(2) Available lower berth days is a standard measure of passenger capacity for the period. It assumes that each cabin we offer for sale accommodates two passengers. ALBDs are computed by multiplying passenger capacity by revenue-producing ship operating days in the period.

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