

# **Media Release**

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## **BATA Chairman Reappointed**

The British Air Transport Association (BATA), the trade body representing UK airlines, has reappointed Dr Barry Humphreys as its Chairman for a further three years from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

A former economic adviser and Head of Air Services Policy to the UK Civil Aviation Authority, Dr Humphreys served with Virgin Atlantic Airways as Director of External Affairs and Route Development before his appointment as BATA's part-time Chairman in May 2009.

Commenting on Dr Humphreys's reappointment, Simon Buck, Chief Executive of BATA said:

"I am very pleased Barry has accepted reappointment as BATA's Chairman. Barry's wisdom and experience have been greatly valued by BATA and we look forward to continuing to benefit from Barry's advice over the next three years."

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#### **Notes to Editors**

- BATA is the trade body for UK-registered airlines, with members representing all sectors of the industry.
- In 2011, BATA members employed 73,000 people, operated four-fifths of the UK commercial aircraft fleet and were responsible for some 96% of UK airline output, carrying 129 million passengers and 1.1 million tonnes of cargo.
- The eleven BATA member airlines are: bmi, British Airways, DHL, easyJet, flybe, Jet2.com, Monarch, Thomas Cook, Thomson Airways, Titan Airways and Virgin Atlantic.

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