

KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

of October 6, 2003

KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES

(translation of Registrant's trade name into English)

Amsterdamseweg 55, 1182 GP Amstelveen, The Netherlands

(Address of principal executive offices)

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TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS SEPTEMBER 2003

Passenger load factor at 83.1 percent

Passenger load factor on North Atlantic increased to 89.6 percent

Passenger traffic on Asia/Pacific virtually at last year's level

Cargo traffic increased by 4 percent year-on-year

Passenger Traffic

Passenger traffic was 4 percent below last year on 3 percent lower capacity. Passenger load factor in September decreased by 1 percentage point to 83.1 percent.

North Atlantic load factor increased by 3.3 percentage points to 89.6 percent. Traffic was 10 percent lower than last year, while capacity was trimmed by 12 percent, mainly on the Canadian destinations.

With traffic and capacity on the Asia/Pacific route area only 1 percent lower than last year, load factor was virtually stable at 89.4 percent. Volumes in the Asia / Pacific route area have recovered from SARS.

Passenger load factor on the Central and South Atlantic routes decreased by 4.3 percentage points to 73.9 percent. Traffic decreased by 9 percent, while capacity was 3 percent lower. The decrease in traffic is mainly the result of disappointing market demand on the Central Atlantic part of this route area.

Cargo Traffic

Cargo traffic increased by 4 percent year-on-year on 6 percent higher capacity. Cargo load factor decreased by 0.9 percentage points to 72.9 percent.

Traffic on the Asia Pacific routes was up 12 percent, slightly behind the capacity increase of 14 percent. As a result the cargo load factor on this route area decreased by 1.6 percentage points to 85.0 percent. The increase in capacity is mainly the result of additional frequencies following the introduction of the new 747-400ER freighters.

North Atlantic cargo traffic decreased by 3 percent, on flat capacity. Load factor decreased by 0.5 percentage points to 69.9 percent.

Amstelveen, October 3, 2003

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| | September | | | April - September | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | change (%) | 2003 | 2002 | change (%) |
| Revenue passenger km (RPK) (in millions) | | | | | | |
| Europe | 961 | 970 | (1)% | 5,473 | 5,593 | (2)% |
| North Atlantic | 1,211 | 1,341 | (10)% | 7,324 | 7,656 | (4)% |
| Central and South Atlantic | 656 | 717 | (9)% | 4,426 | 4,255 | 4% |
| Asia / Pacific | 1,200 | 1,213 | (1)% | 5,846 | 6,893 | (15)% |
| Middle East / South Asia | 427 | 415 | 3% | 2,351 | 2,532 | (7)% |
| Africa | 655 | 688 | (5)% | 3,531 | 3,728 | (5)% |
| Total | 5,110 | 5,344 | (4)% | 28,951 | 30,657 | (6)% |
| Available seat km (ASK) (in millions) | | | | | | |
| Europe | 1,219 | 1,203 | 1% | 7,060 | 7,214 | (2)% |
| North Atlantic | 1,351 | 1,544 | (12)% | 8,255 | 8,756 | (6)% |
| Central and South Atlantic | 887 | 917 | (3)% | 5,747 | 5,638 | 2% |
| Asia / Pacific | 1,342 | 1,352 | (1)% | 7,551 | 7,992 | (6)% |
| Middle East / South Asia | 545 | 548 | (0)% | 3,002 | 3,348 | (10)% |
| Africa | 807 | 791 | 2% | 4,553 | 4,541 | 0% |
| Total | 6,150 | 6,354 | (3)% | 36,167 | 37,489 | (4)% |
| Passenger load factor (%) | | | | | | |
| Europe | 78.8 | 80.6 | (1.8)pts | 77.5 | 77.5 | 0.0pts |
| North Atlantic | 89.6 | 86.9 | 2.7 pts | 88.7 | 87.4 | 1.3pts |
| Central and South Atlantic | 73.9 | 78.2 | (4.3)pts | 77.0 | 75.5 | 1.5pts |
| Asia / Pacific | 89.4 | 89.7 | (0.3)pts | 77.4 | 86.3 | (8.9)pts |
| Middle East / South Asia | 78.4 | 75.9 | 2.5pts | 78.3 | 75.6 | 2.7pts |
| Africa | 81.2 | 86.9 | (5.7)pts | 77.6 | 82.1 | (4.5)pts |
| Total | 83.1 | 84.1 | (1.0)pts | 80.0 | 81.8 | (1.8)pts |
| Revenue freight ton-km (RFTK) (in millions) | | | | | | |
| Europe | 3 | 5 | (38)% | 20 | 30 | (33)% |
| North Atlantic | 79 | 81 | (3)% | 497 | 479 | 4% |
| Central and South Atlantic | 34 | 38 | (11)% | 210 | 219 | (4)% |
| Asia / Pacific | 193 | 173 | 12% | 1,116 | 1,017 | 10% |
| Middle East / South Asia | 25 | 24 | 4% | 139 | 143 | (3)% |
| Africa | 29 | 27 | 7% | 162 | 164 | (1)% |
| Total | 364 | 349 | 4% | 2,144 | 2,051 | 5% |
| Available freight ton-km (AFTK) (in millions) | | | | | | |
| Europe | 24 | 25 | (4)% | 142 | 152 | (7)% |
| North Atlantic | 113 | 113 | (0)% | 701 | 674 | 4% |
| Central and South Atlantic | 53 | 60 | (11)% | 353 | 370 | (5)% |
| Asia / Pacific | 227 | 200 | 14% | 1,345 | 1,219 | 10% |
| Middle East / South Asia | 38 | 34 | 13% | 211 | 204 | 4% |
| Africa | 44 | 41 | 6% | 244 | 246 | (1)% |
| Total | 499 | 473 | 6% | 2,997 | 2,865 | 5% |
| Cargo load factor (%) | | | | | | |
| Europe | 14.2 | 22.0 | (7.8)pts | 14.1 | 19.7 | (5.6)pts |
| North Atlantic | 70.1 | 71.8 | (1.7)pts | 70.9 | 71.0 | (0.1)pts |
| Central and South Atlantic | 62.8 | 62.4 | 0.4pts | 59.6 | 59.0 | 0.6pts |
| Asia / Pacific | 85.0 | 86.6 | (1.6)pts | 82.9 | 83.4 | (0.5)pts |
| Middle East / South Asia | 65.6 | 71.0 | (5.4)pts | 65.8 | 70.2 | (4.4)pts |
| Africa | 67.3 | 66.8 | 0.5pts | 66.3 | 66.6 | (0.3)pts |
| Total | 72.9 | 73.8 | (0.9)pts | 71.5 | 71.6 | (0.1)pts |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines

Date: October 6, 2003

By /s/ R.A. Ruijter

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Title: Managing Director & CFO

By /s/ J.E.C. de Groot

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