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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

FURNISHED PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

18 May 2007

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc  
(Registrant's Name)

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United Kingdom

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Yes No

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### 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.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

By: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Alan Buchanan  
Title: Company Secretary  
Date 18 May 2007

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| 1.          | New shorthaul aircraft order |

### NEW SHORTHHAUL AIRCRAFT ORDER

British Airways has ordered eight new Airbus A320 family aircraft for delivery in 2008-2010.

This is the first step towards a single shorthaul fleet across British Airways' network.

The airline will also upgrade the Gatwick shorthaul fleet by replacing the oldest 14 Boeing 737s with Airbus A319 aircraft.

Willie Walsh, British Airways' chief executive said: "We've made considerable progress at Gatwick, particularly on costs. Gatwick is an important part of our shorthaul strategy and replacing the older Boeing 737 fleet with Airbus aircraft will give us flexibility across both airports. This is the first step towards a single shorthaul fleet."

British Airways will place a major order for replacement and growth widebodied

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aircraft later this year for delivery in the next decade.

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Notes to editors:

British Airways currently has a shorthaul fleet of 67 Airbus aircraft. The order will boost the Airbus shorthaul fleet to 79 aircraft.

At Heathrow, the airline has the following shorthaul fleet: 33 Airbus A319 aircraft, 26 Airbus A320 aircraft, 8 Airbus A321 aircraft, 13 Boeing 757 aircraft and seven Boeing 767 aircraft.

The list price for an Airbus A320 is US\$ 66 million.

This document is the summary financial statement for the year ended March 31, 2007 of British Airways Plc, whose details are above. Certain statements included in this edition of Investor may be forward-looking and may involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation,

projections relating to results of operations and financial conditions and the company's plans and objectives for future operations, including, without limitation, discussions of the company's business and financing plans, expected future revenues and expenditures and divestments. All forward-looking statements in this report are based upon information known to the company on the date of this report. The company

undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. It is not reasonably possible to itemise all of the many factors and specific events that could cause the company's forward-looking statements to be incorrect or that could otherwise have a material adverse effect on the future operations or results of an airline operating in the

global economy. Fuller information on some of the factors which could result in a material difference is available in the company's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007, which is available on [www.bashareholders.com](http://www.bashareholders.com).