

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 February 5, 2004

KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES

(translation of Registrant's trade name into English)

Amsterdamseweg 55, 1182 GP Amstelveen, The Netherlands

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes No

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TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS JANUARY 2004

- # Passenger load factor improved 2.3 percentage points to 78.5 percent
- # Passenger capacity still 6 percent below last year
- # Cargo load factor increased by 2.3 percentage points to 67 percent.

Passenger Traffic

January passenger capacity was down 6 percent. As traffic decreased by only 3 percent, passenger load factor improved by 2.3 percentage points to 78.5 percent.

On the Asia Pacific routes capacity was 2 percent lower than last year. As traffic in this route area was 3 percent lower than last year, load factor decreased by 0.8 percentage points to 81.5 percent.

North Atlantic load factor improved by 5.7 percentage points to 81.1 percent. This is the result of a capacity decrease of 17 percent, which is in line with the previous months, and a decrease in traffic of 11 percent.

Traffic on the Middle East / South Asia route area was 5 percent up on last year. Capacity was down 3 percent, which resulted in a load factor improvement of 6.4 percentage points to 80.9 percent.

The strong improvement in load factor on the North Atlantic and the Middle East /South Asia route area in part relates to last year's increasing tension in the Middle East.

European traffic was 3 percent below last year's level on 3 percent lower capacity. Load factor of 65.7 percent was virtually on the same level as last year.

Cargo Traffic

In January, cargo traffic increased by 1 percent compared to last year on 2 percent lower capacity. Cargo load factor improved by 2.3 percentage points to 67 percent.

Performance on the Asia Pacific routes continued to show a significant improvement with traffic up 11 percent on 6 percent higher capacity. Load factor on this route area increased by 3.2 percentage points to 78.4 percent, which is a relative strong performance bearing in mind that the celebration of Chinese New Year took place in January as opposed to February last year.

On the North Atlantic traffic decreased by 7 percent. As capacity was 10 percent lower than last year, load factor increased by 2.1 percentage points to 66.9 percent.

Cargo traffic outbound Europe continues to be under pressure.

Amstelveen, February 4, 2004

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| | <u>Month of January</u> | | | <u>Year to date</u> | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | <u>2004</u> | <u>2003</u> | <u>change (%)</u> | <u>2003/04</u> | <u>2002/03</u> | <u>change (%)</u> |
| Revenue passenger km (RPK) (in millions) | | | | | | |

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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.

Date: February 5, 2004

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines

By /s/ R.A. Ruijter

Name : R.A. Ruijter

Title : Managing Director & CFO

By /s/ C. van Woudenberg

Name : C. van Woudenberg

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