

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
September 14, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**September 14, 2007**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

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**ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

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**Delaware**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

**1-8957**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**91-1292054**  
**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

**19300 International Boulevard, Seattle, Washington**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(206) 392-5040**

**98188**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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References in this report on Form 8-K to Air Group, Company, we, us, and our refer to Alaska Air Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise specified. Alaska Airlines, Inc. and Horizon Air Industries, Inc. are referred to as Alaska and Horizon, respectively, and together as our airlines.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This report contains forward-looking statements subject to the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to future events and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause actual outcomes to be materially different from those indicated by any forward-looking statements. Some of the things that could cause our actual results to differ from our expectations are:

the competitive environment and other trends in our industry;

changes in our operating costs, including fuel, which can be volatile;

labor disputes and our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel;

the amounts of potential lease termination payments with lessors for our remaining MD-80 leased aircraft and related sublease payments from sublessees, if applicable;

our significant indebtedness;

compliance with our financial covenants;

potential downgrades of our credit ratings and the availability of financing;

the implementation of our growth strategy;

our ability to meet our cost reduction goals;

operational disruptions;

general economic conditions, as well as economic conditions in the geographic regions we serve;

the concentration of our revenue from a few key markets;

actual or threatened terrorist attacks; global instability and potential U.S. military actions or activities;

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insurance costs;

changes in laws and regulations;

increases in government fees and taxes;

our inability to achieve or maintain profitability;

fluctuations in our quarterly results;

an aircraft accident or incident;

liability and other claims asserted against us;

our reliance on automated systems and the risks associated with changes made to those systems; and

our reliance on third-party vendors and partners.

For a discussion of these and other risk factors, see Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. All of the forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the risk factors discussed therein. These risk factors may not be exhaustive. We operate in a continually changing business environment, and new risk factors emerge from time to time. Management cannot predict such new risk factors, nor can it assess the impact, if any, of such new risk factors on our business or events described in any forward-looking statements. We expressly disclaim any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements after the date of this report to conform them to actual results. Over time, our actual results, performance or achievements will likely differ from the anticipated results, performance or achievements that are expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements, and such differences might be significant and materially adverse.

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On September 14, 2007, Horizon Air issued a press release providing updated information on the progress of the landing gear inspections of its Bombardier Q400 turboprops and related flight cancellations. As reported previously, the unplanned inspections are in response to a Transport Canada airworthiness directive (AD) issued earlier this week.

**ITEM 9.01.  
Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated September 14, 2007

**Signature**

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.

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Registrant

Date: September 14, 2007

/s/ Brandon S. Pedersen  
Brandon S. Pedersen  
Vice President/Finance and Controller

/s/ Bradley D. Tilden  
Bradley D. Tilden  
Executive Vice President/Finance and Planning

and Chief Financial Officer