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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

For the month of April, 2008

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office
Dublin Airport
County Dublin Ireland
(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 ..X..

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RYANAIR ANNOUNCES MAJOR EXPANSION AT BARCELONA GIRONA

14 AIRCRAFT, 75 ROUTES, 8M PASSENGERS AND 8,000 JOBS BY 2012

Ryanair, Europe's largest low fares airline today (Wednesday, 2nd April 2008) announced that it will add 5 new aircraft at its Barcelona Girona base as part of a major expansion that will increase Ryanair's Girona routes to 75 and passenger numbers to 8m p.a. by 2012.

These 8 million passengers will save EUR800m compared to Iberia's high fares and fuel surcharges at Barcelona El Prat and will generate a visitor spend of

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EUR1.2bn p.a. in the Catalan region.

Announcing today's Girona expansion, Ryanair's Deputy CEO Michael Cawley said;

"Ryanair started flying from Barcelona Girona, our first Spanish airport, in 2002 and the partnership has been a phenomenal success, bringing Europe's guaranteed lowest fares to millions of Catalans and providing the region with millions of visitors from all over Europe.

"This expansion will see Ryanair's investment at the airport rise to 14 aircraft worth \$1bn. This will support 8,000 jobs in the region, including 500 highly paid Ryanair pilot, cabin crew and engineering positions.

"We congratulate the Catalan region's success in securing this low cost agreement against robust competition from other low cost, efficient European airports which will now place business and tourism throughout Catalonia on a fast track for growth".

ENDS

Wednesday, 2nd April 2008

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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, hereunto duly authorized.

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Date: 02 April, 2008

By:___/s/ James Callaghan___

James Callaghan
Company Secretary & Finance Director