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Traffic Statistics – January 2011

Dublin & London, 7 February 2011: Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of January 2011.

Aer Lingus' booked load factor in January 2011 decreased by 3.6 points on January 2010 to 63.8%. Short haul booked load factor was 62.8%, a decrease of 4.8 points on January 2010, with capacity decreasing by 15.2% as a result of the industrial dispute with the IMPACT cabin crew union and planned year-on-year reductions at Belfast, London Gatwick and Cork. Long haul booked load factor was 65.7%, a decrease of 1.3 points on January 2010, with capacity decreasing by 14.2% as a result of the industrial dispute with the IMPACT cabin crew union, planned year-on-year reductions at Shannon and weather-related disruptions.

Aer Lingus' total booked passenger numbers in January 2011 were 552,000, a decrease of 17.0% compared to January 2010. Short haul booked passengers were 504,000, a 17.1% decrease on January 2010 while long haul booked passengers in January 2011 were 48,000, a decrease of 15.8% on January 2010. As a result of flight cancellations in January 2011 passengers carried were 4% below the level of booked passengers.

Detailed traffic statistics are set out on the following page. Attention is drawn to the notes at the foot of the table which explain the basis on which the figures have been prepared.

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	January			Year-to-date			
	2011	2010	Change	2011	2010	Change	
Passengers (thousands) ¹							
Short haul	504	608	(17.1%)	504	608	(17.1%)	
Long haul	48	57	(15.8%)	48	57	(15.8%)	
Total	552	665	(17.0%)	552	665	(17.0%)	
Revenue passenger							
kilometres (RPKs) (millions) ¹							
Short haul	503	639	(21.3%)	503	639	(21.3%)	
Long haul	255	303	(15.8%)	255	303	(15.8%)	
Total	758	942	(19.5%)	758	942	(19.5%)	
Available seat kilometres							
(ASKs) (millions)							
Short haul	801	945	(15.2%)	801	945	(15.2%)	
Long haul	388	452	(14.2%)	388	452	(14.2%)	
Total	1,189	1,397	(14.9%)	1,189	1,397	(14.9%)	
Passenger load factor (%) ²			% Points			% Points	
Short haul	62.8	67.6	(4.8)	62.8	67.6	(4.8)	
Long haul	65.7	67.0	(1.3)	65.7	67.0	(1.3)	
Total	63.8	67.4	(3.6)	63.8	67.4	(3.6)	

Notes

- 1 Earned seats and earned revenue passenger kilometres include seats and passenger kilometres respectively that are sold regardless of whether the passenger shows for a flight, as once a flight has departed the passenger is generally not entitled to change flights or obtain a refund.
- 2 Earned revenue passenger kilometres as a percentage of available seat kilometres
- 3 Aer Lingus' scheduled traffic statistics do not include traffic carried on Aer Lingus Regional Services operated by Aer Arann or traffic carried on the Washington Dulles Madrid codeshare service operated in partnership with United Airlines.