## **Aer Lingus Group plc**

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## **Traffic Statistics – January 2012**

**Dublin & London, 6 February 2012:** Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of January 2012.

Total flown passenger numbers, including Aer Lingus Regional operations, increased by 7.3% in January 2012 which represents a continuation of the positive trend in Aer Lingus' recent results.

Aer Lingus' total flown passenger numbers, in January 2012 were 563,000, an increase of 5.8% compared to January 2011. Short haul flown passengers in January 2012 were 514,000, an increase of 6.2% on January 2011, while long haul flown passengers in January 2012 were 49,000, an increase of 2.1% on January 2011.

Aer Lingus' flown passenger load factor in January 2012 increased by 0.1 points on January 2011 to 62.3%. Short haul flown load factor was 62.5%, an increase of 2.0 points on January 2011, with capacity increasing by 4.6%. Long haul flown load factor was 61.8%, a decrease of 3.9 points on January 2011, with capacity increasing by 8.0% on January 2011.

Aer Lingus Regional's total flown passenger numbers in January 2012 were 53,000, an increase of 26.2% compared to January 2011.

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

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|   | January |       |          | Year-to-date |       |          |
|---|---------|-------|----------|--------------|-------|----------|
|   | 2012    | 2011  | Change   | 2012         | 2011  | Change   |
| Passengers (thousands) <sup>1</sup>       |         |       |          |              |       |          |
| Short haul                                | 514     | 484   | 6.2%     | 514          | 484   | 6.2%     |
| Long haul                                 | 49      | 48    | 2.1%     | 49           | 48    | 2.1%     |
| Total                                     | 563     | 532   | 5.8%     | 563          | 532   | 5.8%     |
| Revenue passenger                         |         |       |          |              |       |          |
| kilometres (RPKs) (millions) <sup>1</sup> |         |       |          |              |       |          |
| Short haul                                | 524     | 485   | 8.0%     | 524          | 485   | 8.0%     |
| Long haul                                 | 259     | 255   | 1.6%     | 259          | 255   | 1.6%     |
| Total                                     | 783     | 740   | 5.8%     | 783          | 740   | 5.8%     |
| Available seat kilometres                 |         |       |          |              |       |          |
| (ASKs) (millions)                         |         |       |          |              |       |          |
| Short haul                                | 838     | 801   | 4.6%     | 838          | 801   | 4.6%     |
| Long haul                                 | 419     | 388   | 8.0%     | 419          | 388   | 8.0%     |
| Total                                     | 1,257   | 1,189 | 5.7%     | 1,257        | 1,189 | 5.7%     |
| Passenger load factor (%) <sup>2</sup>    |         |       | % Points |              |       | % Points |
| Short haul                                | 62.5    | 60.5  | 2.0      | 62.5         | 60.5  | 2.0      |
| Long haul                                 | 61.8    | 65.7  | (3.9)    | 61.8         | 65.7  | (3.9)    |
| Total                                     | 62.3    | 62.2  | 0.1      | 62.3         | 62.2  | 0.1      |

|                                    | January |      |        | Year-to-date |      |        |
|------------------------------------|---------|------|--------|--------------|------|--------|
|                                    | 2012    | 2011 | Change | 2012         | 2011 | Change |
| assengers (thousands) <sup>1</sup> | 53      | 42   | 26.2%  | 53           | 42   | 26.2%  |

## **Notes**

- 1 Aer Lingus presents its monthly scheduled traffic statistics on the basis of passengers flown in the relevant month. This represents a change in our reporting as in previous traffic statistics announcements we reported on the basis of passengers booked to fly in the month.
- 2 Revenue passenger kilometres as a percentage of available seat kilometres
- 3 Aer Lingus' scheduled traffic statistics do not include traffic carried on the Washington Dulles Madrid codeshare service operated in partnership with United Airlines.