## **Aer Lingus Group plc**

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## **Traffic Statistics – February 2010**

Dublin & London, 5 March 2010: Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of February 2010.

Aer Lingus' total passenger numbers in February 2010 were 664,000 a decrease of 3.5% compared to February 2009. Short haul passengers were 618,000, a 0.3% decrease on February 2009 and long haul passengers were 46,000, a 32.4% decrease on February 2009.

Aer Lingus' overall load factor in the month was 69.9%, a decrease of 2.1 points compared to February 2009, with capacity decreasing by 8.2%. Short haul load factor was 70.8%, a decrease of 6.7 points on 2009, with capacity increasing by 12.7%. Long haul load factor was 67.7%, an increase of 3.4 points on 2009, with capacity decreasing by 37.5%.

Detailed traffic statistics are set out on the following page.

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	February			Year-to-date		
	2010	2009	Change %	2010	2009	Change %
Passengers (thousands) <sup>1</sup>						
Short haul	618	620	(0.3)	1,226	1,207	1.6
Long haul	46	68	(32.4)	103	142	(27.5)
Total	664	688	(3.5)	1,329	1,349	(1.5)
Revenue passenger						
kilometres (RPKs) (millions) <sup>1</sup>	·					
Short haul	641	623	2.9	1,280	1,220	4.9
Long haul	243	369	(34.1)	546	777	(29.7)
Total	884	992	(10.9)	1,826	1,997	(8.6)
Available seat kilometres						
(ASKs) (millions)						
Short haul	906	804	12.7	1,851	1,728	7.1
Long haul	359	574	(37.5)	811	1,214	(33.2)
Total	1,265	1,378	(8.2)	2,662	2,942	(9.5)
Passenger load factor (%) <sup>2</sup>			% Points			% Points
Short haul	70.8	77.5	(6.7)	69.2	70.6	(1.4)
Long haul	67.7	64.3	3.4	67.3	64.0	3.3
Total	69.9	72.0	(2.1)	68.6	67.9	0.7

## **Notes**

- 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