

# Aer Lingus Group plc

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## Traffic Statistics – March 2010

**Dublin & London, 8 April 2010:** Aer Lingus Group plc (“Aer Lingus”), today announced traffic statistics for the month of March 2010.

Aer Lingus’ total passenger numbers in March 2010 were 782,000, a decrease of 6.3% compared to March 2009. Short haul passengers were 713,000, a 4.7% decrease on March 2009 and long haul passengers were 69,000, a 20.7% decrease on March 2009.

Aer Lingus’ overall load factor in the month was 75.9%, an increase of 0.3 points compared to March 2009, with capacity decreasing by 11.3%. Short haul load factor was 75.9%, a decrease of 2.7 points on 2009, with capacity increasing by 1.2%. Long haul load factor was 75.7%, an increase of 4.2 points on 2009, with capacity decreasing by 29.0%.

Total passengers in March 2010 on the new Washington Dulles - Madrid codeshare flight with United Airlines were 1,669 representing a load factor of 89.3%.

Detailed traffic statistics are set out on the following page.

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**Aer Lingus Scheduled Traffic Statistics<sup>3</sup>**

	March			Year-to-date		
	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change
<b>Passengers (thousands)<sup>1</sup></b>						
Short haul	713	748	(4.7%)	1,939	1,955	(0.8%)
Long haul	69	87	(20.7%)	172	229	(24.9%)
Total	782	835	(6.3%)	2,111	2,184	(3.3%)
<b>Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) (millions)<sup>1</sup></b>						
Short haul	731	748	(2.3%)	2,011	1,968	2.2%
Long haul	362	481	(24.7%)	908	1,258	(27.8%)
Total	1,093	1,229	(11.1%)	2,919	3,226	(9.5%)
<b>Available seat kilometres (ASKs) (millions)</b>						
Short haul	963	952	1.2%	2,814	2,680	5.0%
Long haul	478	673	(29.0%)	1,289	1,887	(31.7%)
Total	1,441	1,625	(11.3%)	4,103	4,567	(10.2%)
<b>Passenger load factor (%)<sup>2</sup></b>			% Points			% Points
Short haul	75.9	78.6	(2.7)	71.5	73.4	(1.9)
Long haul	75.7	71.5	4.2	70.4	66.7	3.7
Total	75.9	75.6	0.3	71.1	70.6	0.5

*Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change.*

**Washington Dulles – Madrid codeshare flight with United Airlines  
Scheduled Traffic Statistics**

	March			Year-to-date		
	2010	2009	Change %	2010	2009	Change %
<b>Passengers (thousands)<sup>1</sup></b>	2	-	N/a	2	-	N/a
<b>Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) (millions)<sup>1</sup></b>	10	-	N/a	10	-	N/a
<b>Available seat kilometres (ASKs) (millions)</b>	11	-	N/a	11	-	N/a
<b>Passenger load factor (%)<sup>2</sup></b>	89.3	-	N/a	89.3	-	N/a

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**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.

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