

Aer Lingus Group plc

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Traffic Statistics – March 2012

Dublin & London, 5 April 2012: Aer Lingus Group plc (“Aer Lingus”), today announced traffic statistics for the month of March 2012.

Total Aer Lingus System flown passenger numbers comprising Aer Lingus Mainline and Aer Lingus Regional, increased by 8.2% in March 2012.

Total Aer Lingus Mainline flown passenger numbers, in March 2012 were 736,000, an increase of 6.4% compared to March 2011. Short haul flown passengers in March 2012 were 663,000, an increase of 5.4% on March 2011, while long haul flown passengers in March 2012 were 73,000, an increase of 15.9% on March 2011.

Total Aer Lingus Mainline flown passenger load factor in March 2012 increased by 5.0 points on March 2011 to 75.8%. Short haul flown load factor was 72.6%, an increase of 3.4 points on March 2011, with capacity increasing by 1.1%. Long haul flown load factor was 82.0%, an increase of 8.2 points on March 2011, with capacity increasing by 4.0% on March 2011.

Total Aer Lingus Regional flown passenger numbers in March 2012 were 73,000, an increase of 30.4% compared to March 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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Aer Lingus Mainline Scheduled Traffic Statistics

	March			Year-to-date		
	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Passengers (thousands)¹						
Short haul	663	629	5.4%	1,732	1,631	6.2%
Long haul	73	63	15.9%	167	149	12.1%
Total	736	692	6.4%	1,899	1,780	6.7%
Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) (millions)¹						
Short haul	673	635	6.0%	1,746	1,634	6.9%
Long haul	388	336	15.5%	887	799	11.0%
Total	1,061	971	9.3%	2,633	2,433	8.2%
Available seat kilometres (ASKs) (millions)						
Short haul	927	917	1.1%	2,568	2,476	3.7%
Long haul	473	455	4.0%	1,262	1,175	7.4%
Total	1,400	1,372	2.0%	3,830	3,651	4.9%
Passenger load factor (%)²			% Points			% Points
Short haul	72.6	69.2	3.4	68.0	66.0	2.0
Long haul	82.0	73.8	8.2	70.3	68.0	2.3
Total	75.8	70.8	5.0	68.7	66.6	2.1

Aer Lingus Regional Scheduled Traffic Statistics

	March			Year-to-date		
	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Passengers (thousands)¹						
	73	56	30.4%	184	146	26.0%

Total Aer Lingus System Traffic Statistics

	March			Year-to-date		
	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Passengers (thousands)¹						
	809	748	8.2%	2,083	1,926	8.2%

Notes

1 Aer Lingus presents its monthly scheduled traffic statistics on the basis of passengers flown in the relevant 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.