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Traffic Statistics – May 2010

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

Aer Lingus’ operations were again impacted during the month of May 2010 by the closure of Irish and UK airspace and parts of European airspace due to ash clouds resulting from the eruption of the volcano in Eyjafjallajökull, Iceland. As a consequence of the disruptions caused by the ash clouds, there were eleven days in May 2010 where Aer Lingus did not operate all of its scheduled flights.

Aer Lingus’ total passenger numbers in May 2010 were 876,000, a decrease of 9.9% compared to May 2009. Short haul passengers were 797,000, a 9.6% decrease on May 2009 and long haul passengers were 79,000, a 12.2% decrease on May 2009.

Aer Lingus’ overall load factor in the month was 79.3%, an increase of 5.6 points compared to May 2009, with capacity decreasing by 17.7%. Short haul load factor was 80.0%, an increase of 1.9 points on 2009, with capacity decreasing by 11.6%. Long haul load factor was 77.9%, an increase of 11.7 points on 2009, with capacity decreasing by 28.1%.

Detailed traffic statistics are set out on the following page.

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Aer Lingus Scheduled Traffic Statistics ³						
	May			Year-to-date		
	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change
Passengers (thousands) ¹						
Short haul	797	882	(9.6%)	3,362	3,684	(8.7%)
Long haul	79	90	(12.2%)	314	417	(24.7%)
Total	876	972	(9.9%)	3,676	4,101	(10.4%)
Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) (millions) ¹						
Short haul	892	985	(9.4%)	3,586	3,841	(6.6%)
Long haul	412	487	(15.4%)	1,653	2,279	(27.5%)
Total	1,304	1,472	(11.4%)	5,239	6,120	(14.4%)
Available seat kilometres (ASKs) (millions)						
Short haul	1,115	1,262	(11.6%)	4,816	5,088	(5.3%)
Long haul	529	736	(28.1%)	2,271	3,382	(32.9%)
Total	1,644	1,998	(17.7%)	7,087	8,470	(16.3%)
Passenger load factor (%) ²						
			% Points			% Points
Short haul	80.0	78.1	1.9	74.5	75.5	(1.0)
Long haul	77.9	66.2	11.7	72.8	67.4	5.4
Total	79.3	73.7	5.6	73.9	72.3	1.6
<i>Detailed traffic statistics May be subject to change.</i>						

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.

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