## **Aer Lingus Group plc**

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## **Traffic Statistics – May 2012**

**Dublin & London, 7 June 2012:** Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of May 2012.

Aer Lingus' flown passenger load factor in May 2012 increased by 2.9 points on May 2011 to 76.2%. Short haul flown load factor was 73.8%, an increase of 0.9 points on May 2011, with capacity decreasing by 1.6%. Long haul flown load factor was 81.5%, an increase of 7.4 points on May 2011, with capacity increasing by 0.5%.

Total flown passenger numbers, including Aer Lingus Regional operations, increased by 2.4% in May 2012. Aer Lingus' total flown passenger numbers in May 2012 were 882,000, an increase of 0.1% compared to May 2011. Short haul flown passengers in May 2012 were 793,000, a decrease of 1.1% on May 2011, while long haul flown passengers in May 2012 were 89,000, an increase of 12.7% on May 2011.

Aer Lingus Regional's total flown passenger numbers in May 2012 were 88,000, an increase of 33.3% compared to May 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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		May		Year-to-date			
	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change	
Passengers (thousands) <sup>1</sup>							
Short haul	793	802	(1.1%)	3,257	3,160	3.1%	
Long haul	89	79	12.7%	335	301	11.3%	
Total	882	881	0.1%	3,592	3,461	3.8%	
Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) (millions) <sup>1</sup>							
Short haul	895	899	(0.4%)	3,442	3,326	3.5%	
Long haul	462	418	10.5%	1,763	1,600	10.2%	
Total	1,357	1,317	3.0%	5,205	4,926	5.7%	
Available seat kilometres							
(ASKs) (millions)							
Short haul	1,213	1,233	(1.6%)	4,901	4,841	1.2%	
Long haul	567	564	0.5%	2,380	2,290	3.9%	
Total	1,780	1,797	(0.9%)	7,281	7,131	2.1%	
Passenger load factor (%) <sup>2</sup>			% Points			% Points	
Short haul	73.8	72.9	0.9	70.2	68.7	1.5	
Long haul	81.5	74.1	7.4	74.1	69.9	4.2	
Total	76.2	73.3	2.9	71.5	69.1	2.4	

	May			Year-to-date		
	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Passengers (thousands) <sup>1</sup>	88	66	33.3%	351	274	28.1%

	May			Year-to-date		
	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Passengers (thousands) <sup>1</sup>	970	947	2.4%	3,943	3,735	5.6%

- 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.

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