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# Traffic Statistics – July 2012

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

Total flown passenger numbers, including Aer Lingus Regional operations, increased by 2.1% in July 2012 compared to July 2011.

Aer Lingus mainline's flown passenger load factor in July 2012 increased by 2.1 points on July 2011 to 86.6%. Short haul flown load factor was 85.1%, an increase of 2.4 points on July 2011, with capacity decreasing by 1.9%. Long haul flown load factor was 89.9%, an increase of 1.5 points on July 2011, with capacity in line with prior year.

Aer Lingus mainline's total flown passenger numbers in July 2012 were 1,004,000, a decrease of 0.7% compared to July 2011. Short haul flown passengers in July 2012 were 905,000, a decrease of 1.0% on July 2011, while long haul flown passengers in July 2012 were 99,000, an increase of 2.0% on July 2011.

Aer Lingus Regional's total flown passenger numbers in July 2012 were 105,000, an increase of 40.0% compared to July 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 Scheduled Traffic Statistics** [3]

| | July | | | Year-to-date | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **2012** | **2011** | **Change** | **2012** | **2011** | **Change** |
| **Passengers (thousands)** [1] | | | | | | |
| Short haul | 905 | 914 | (1.0%) | 4,982 | 4,887 | 1.9% |
| Long haul | 99 | 97 | 2.0% | 532 | 487 | 9.2% |
| Total | 1,004 | 1,011 | (0.7%) | 5,514 | 5,374 | 2.6% |
| **Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) (millions)** [1] | | | | | | |
| Short haul | 1,048 | 1,038 | 1.0% | 5,419 | 5,276 | 2.7% |
| Long haul | 516 | 507 | 1.8% | 2,792 | 2,566 | 8.8% |
| Total | 1,564 | 1,545 | 1.2% | 8,211 | 7,842 | 4.7% |
| **Available seat kilometres (ASKs) (millions)** | | | | | | |
| Short haul | 1,231 | 1,255 | (1.9%) | 7,321 | 7,284 | 0.5% |
| Long haul | 574 | 574 | 0.0% | 3,511 | 3,414 | 2.8% |
| Total | 1,805 | 1,829 | (1.3%) | 10,832 | 10,698 | 1.3% |
| **Passenger load factor (%)** [2] | | | % Points | | | % Points |
| Short haul | 85.1 | 82.7 | 2.4 | 74.0 | 72.4 | 1.6 |
| Long haul | 89.9 | 88.4 | 1.5 | 79.5 | 75.2 | 4.3 |
| Total | 86.6 | 84.5 | 2.1 | 75.8 | 73.3 | 2.5 |

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**Aer Lingus Regional Scheduled Traffic Statistics**

| | July | | | Year-to-date | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **2012** | **2011** | **Change** | **2012** | **2011** | **Change** |
| **Passengers (thousands)** [1] | 105 | 75 | 40.0% | 551 | 416 | 32.5% |

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**Total Aer Lingus Traffic Statistics including Aer Lingus Regional**

| | July | | | Year-to-date | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **2012** | **2011** | **Change** | **2012** | **2011** | **Change** |
| **Passengers (thousands)** [1] | 1,109 | 1,086 | 2.1% | 6,065 | 5,790 | 4.7% |

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**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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