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Traffic Statistics – September 2011

Dublin & London, 7 October 2011: Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of September 2011.

Total booked passenger numbers, including Aer Lingus Regional operations, increased by 5.0% in September which reflects the continuation of the positive trend noted in Aer Lingus' recent trading update.

Aer Lingus' total booked passenger numbers, in September 2011 were 954,000 an increase of 2.9% compared to September 2010. Short haul booked passengers in September 2011 were 862,000, a 2.5% increase on September 2010 while long haul booked passengers in September 2011 were 92,000, a 7.0% increase on September 2010.

Aer Lingus' booked load factor in September 2011 increased by 2.9 points on September 2010 to 83.9%. Short haul booked load factor was 82.5%, an increase of 1.9 points on September 2010, with capacity increasing by 1.7%. Long haul booked load factor was 87.0%, an increase of 5.2 points on September 2010, with capacity increasing by 0.7%.

Aer Lingus Regional's total booked passenger numbers in September 2011 were 71,000, an increase of 44.9% compared to September 2010.

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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	September			Year-to-date		
	2011	2010	Change	2011	2010	Change
Passengers (thousands) ¹						
Short haul	862	841	2.5%	6,840	6,886	(0.7%)
Long haul	92	86	7.0%	671	690	(2.8%)
Total	954	927	2.9%	7,511	7,576	(0.9%)
Revenue passenger						
kilometres (RPKs) (millions) ¹						
Short haul	975	937	4.1%	7,447	7,503	(0.7%)
Long haul	482	450	7.1%	3,523	3,617	(2.6%)
Total	1,457	1,387	5.0%	10,970	11,120	(1.3%)
Available seat kilometres						
(ASKs) (millions)						
Short haul	1,182	1,162	1.7%	9,719	9,592	1.3%
Long haul	554	550	0.7%	4,521	4,522	0.0%
Total	1,736	1,712	1.4%	14,240	14,114	0.9%
Passenger load factor (%) ²			% Points			% Points
Short haul	82.5	80.6	1.9	76.6	78.2	(1.6)
Long haul	87.0	81.8	5.2	77.9	80.0	(2.1)
Total	83.9	81.0	2.9	77.0	78.8	(1.8)

	September			Year-to-date		
	2011	2010	Change	2011	2010	Change
Passengers (thousands) ¹	71	49	44.9%	587	274	114.2%

Notes

- 1 Aer Lingus presents its monthly scheduled traffic statistics on the basis of passengers booked to fly 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.