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Traffic Statistics – November 2009

Dublin & London, 7 December 2009: Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of November 2009.

Aer Lingus' total passenger numbers in November 2009 were 776,000 an increase of 4.7% compared to November 2008. Short haul passengers were 704,000, a 9.1% increase on November 2008 and long haul passengers were 72,000, a 25.0% decrease on November 2008.

Aer Lingus' overall load factor in the month was 71.0%, a decrease of 1.3 points compared to November 2008, with capacity decreasing by 4.7%. Short haul load factor was 71.0%, a decrease of 0.8 points on 2008, with capacity increasing by 12.3%. Long haul load factor was 71.1%, a decrease of 1.8 points on 2008, with capacity decreasing by 25.7%.

Detailed traffic statistics are set out on the following page.

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	November			Year-to-date		
	2009	2008	Change %	2009	2008	Change %
Passengers (thousands) ¹						
Short haul	704	645	9.1	8,980	8,539	5.2
Long haul	72	96	(25.0)	994	1,180	(15.8)
Total	776	741	4.7	9,974	9,719	2.6
Revenue passenger						
kilometres (RPKs) (millions) ¹						
Short haul	701	632	10.9	9,599	8,877	8.1
Long haul	374	516	(27.5)	5,391	6,691	(19.4)
Total	1,075	1,148	(6.4)	14,990	15,568	(3.7)
Available seat kilometres						
(ASKs) (millions)						
Short haul	988	880	12.3	12,228	11,439	6.9
Long haul	526	708	(25.7)	7,508	9,364	(19.8)
Total	1,514	1,588	(4.7)	19,736	20,803	(5.1)
Passenger load factor (%) ²			% Points			% Points
Short haul	71.0	71.8	(8.0)	78.5	77.6	0.9
Long haul	71.1	72.9	(1.8)	71.8	71.5	0.3
Total	71.0	72.3	(1.3)	76.0	74.8	1.2

Notes

- 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