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Traffic Statistics – December 2009

Dublin & London, 8 January 2010: Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of December 2009.

Aer Lingus' total passenger numbers in December 2009 were 766,000 an increase of 9.0% compared to December 2008. Short haul passengers were 693,000, a 13.2% increase on December 2008 and long haul passengers were 73,000, a 19.8% decrease on December 2008.

Aer Lingus' overall load factor in the month was 71.9%, an increase of 2.5 points compared to December 2008, with capacity decreasing by 4.9%. Short haul load factor was 69.5%, an increase of 2.6 points on 2008, with capacity increasing by 11.6%. Long haul load factor was 76.8%, an increase of 4.2 points on 2008, with capacity decreasing by 26.4%.

Detailed traffic statistics are set out on the following page.

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Aer Lingus Scheduled Traffic Statistics

	December			Year-to-date		
	2009	2008	Change %	2009	2008	Change %
Passengers (thousands)¹						
Short haul	693	612	13.2	9,673	9,151	5.7
Long haul	73	91	(19.8)	1,067	1,271	(16.1)
Total	766	703	9.0	10,740	10,422	3.1
Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) (millions)¹						
Short haul	689	595	15.8	10,288	9,472	8.6
Long haul	383	492	(22.2)	5,774	7,183	(19.6)
Total	1,072	1,087	(1.4)	16,062	16,655	(3.6)
Available seat kilometres (ASKs) (millions)						
Short haul	992	889	11.6	13,220	12,328	7.2
Long haul	499	678	(26.4)	8,007	10,042	(20.3)
Total	1,491	1,567	(4.9)	21,227	22,370	(5.1)
Passenger load factor (%)²			% Points			% Points
Short haul	69.5	66.9	2.6	77.8	76.8	1.0
Long haul	76.8	72.6	4.2	72.1	71.5	0.6
Total	71.9	69.4	2.5	75.7	74.5	1.2

Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change.

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

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