

Aer Lingus Group plc

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Traffic Statistics – December 2010

Dublin & London, 10 January 2011: Aer Lingus Group plc (“Aer Lingus”), today announced traffic statistics for the month of December 2010.

Aer Lingus’ booked load factor in December 2010 improved by 2.7 points on December 2009 to 74.6%. Short haul booked load factor was 73.2%, an increase of 3.7 points on December 2009, with capacity decreasing by 31.9% as a result of weather-related disruptions and planned year-on-year reductions at London Gatwick, Dublin and Cork. Long haul booked load factor was 76.6%, a decrease of 0.2 points on December 2009, with capacity decreasing by 6.6%.

Aer Lingus’ total booked passenger numbers in December 2010 were 572,000, a decrease of 25.3% compared to December 2009. Short haul booked passengers were 504,000, a 27.3% decrease on December 2009 while long haul booked passengers in December 2010 were 68,000, a decrease of 6.8% on December 2009.

In December 2010, in common with many other carriers, Aer Lingus experienced poor weather conditions leading to flight cancellations and significant disruptions to operations. As a result passengers carried were 8% below the level of booked passengers.

Detailed traffic statistics are set out on the following page. Attention is drawn to the notes at the foot of the table which explain the basis on which the figures have been prepared.

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Aer Lingus Scheduled Traffic Statistics³

	December			Year-to-date		
	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change
Passengers (thousands)¹						
Short haul	504	693	(27.3%)	8,802	9,673	(9.0%)
Long haul	68	73	(6.8%)	907	1,067	(15.0%)
Total	572	766	(25.3%)	9,709	10,740	(9.6%)
Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) (millions)¹						
Short haul	495	689	(28.2%)	9,465	10,288	(8.0%)
Long haul	357	383	(6.8%)	4,755	5,774	(17.6%)
Total	852	1,072	(20.5%)	14,220	16,062	(11.5%)
Available seat kilometres (ASKs) (millions)						
Short haul	676	992	(31.9%)	12,188	13,220	(7.8%)
Long haul	466	499	(6.6%)	6,080	8,007	(24.1%)
Total	1,142	1,491	(23.4%)	18,268	21,227	(13.9%)
Passenger load factor (%)²			% Points			% Points
Short haul	73.2	69.5	3.7	77.7	77.8	(0.1)
Long haul	76.6	76.8	(0.2)	78.2	72.1	6.1
Total	74.6	71.9	2.7	77.8	75.7	2.1

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
- 3 Aer Lingus' scheduled traffic statistics do not include traffic carried on Aer Lingus Regional Services operated by Aer Arann or traffic carried on the Washington Dulles – Madrid codeshare service operated in partnership with United Airlines.

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