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## **Traffic Statistics December 2014**

**Dublin & London, 07 January 2015:** Aer Lingus Group plc (“Aer Lingus”) today announces traffic statistics for the month of December 2014. Similar to November 2014, the reduction in December 2014 short haul capacity relates to planned network adjustments to protect margins given seasonal demand conditions. Attention is drawn to the notes at the foot of the table that explain the basis on which the figures have been prepared.

	<b>December</b>			<b>Year-to-date</b>		
<b>Aer Lingus Mainline traffic statistics <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Passengers (thousands)</b>						
Short haul	517	563	(8.2%)	8,442	8,527	(1.0%)
Long haul	102	85	20.0%	1,324	1,098	20.6%
Total	619	648	(4.5%)	9,766	9,625	1.5%
<b>Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) (millions)</b>						
Short haul	471	526	(10.5%)	8,893	9,037	(1.6%)
Long haul	557	443	25.7%	7,195	5,770	24.7%
Total	1,028	969	6.1%	16,088	14,807	8.7%
<b>Available seat kilometres (ASKs) (millions)</b>						
Short haul	705	770	(8.4%)	11,773	11,954	(1.5%)
Long haul	720	540	33.3%	8,600	6,944	23.8%
Total	1,425	1,310	8.8%	20,373	18,898	7.8%
<b>Passenger load factor (%)<sup>2</sup></b>			<b>% Points</b>			<b>% Points</b>
Short haul	66.8	68.3	(1.5)	75.5	75.6	(0.1)
Long haul	77.3	82.0	(4.7)	83.7	83.1	0.6
Total	72.1	73.9	(1.8)	79.0	78.4	0.6
<b>Aer Lingus Regional scheduled traffic statistics</b>						
Passengers (thousands)	86	85	1.2%	1,312	1,112	18.0%
<b>Total Aer Lingus traffic statistics including Aer Lingus Regional</b>						
Passengers (thousands)	705	733	(3.8%)	11,078	10,737	3.2%

*Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change.*

### **Notes**

<sup>1</sup> Aer Lingus' scheduled traffic statistics do not include traffic carried on Aer Lingus' contract flying operations.

<sup>2</sup> Revenue passenger kilometres expressed as a percentage of available seat kilometres.

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