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Improvement in Aer Lingus load factors and long haul passenger numbers

Dublin & London, 05 March 2015: Aer Lingus Group plc (“Aer Lingus”) today announces traffic statistics for the month of February 2015. The short haul load factor improvement in February 2015 is reflective of the capacity reductions related 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.

	February			Year-to-date		
	2015	2014	Change	2015	2014	Change
Aer Lingus Mainline traffic statistics ¹						
Passengers (thousands)						
Short haul	497	512	(2.9%)	971	1,025	(5.3%)
Long haul	56	46	21.7%	128	105	21.9%
Total	553	558	(0.9%)	1,099	1,130	(2.7%)
Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) (millions)						
Short haul	474	491	(3.5%)	924	986	(6.3%)
Long haul	314	246	27.6%	711	558	27.4%
Total	788	737	6.9%	1,635	1,544	5.9%
Available seat kilometres (ASKs) (millions)						
Short haul	674	715	(5.7%)	1,364	1,494	(8.7%)
Long haul	464	380	22.1%	1,003	815	23.1%
Total	1,138	1,095	3.9%	2,367	2,309	2.5%
Passenger load factor (%)²			% Points	% Points		
Short haul	70.3	68.7	1.6	67.7	66.0	1.7
Long haul	67.7	64.7	3.0	70.9	68.5	2.4
Total	69.2	67.3	1.9	69.1	66.9	2.2
Aer Lingus Regional scheduled traffic statistics						
Passengers (thousands)	74	82	(9.8%)	142	161	(11.8%)
Total Aer Lingus traffic statistics including Aer Lingus Regional						
Passengers (thousands)	627	640	(2.0%)	1,241	1,291	(3.9%)

Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change.

Notes

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

² Revenue passenger kilometres expressed as a percentage of available seat kilometres.

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