

Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus" or the "Company")

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Improvement in Aer Lingus load factors

Dublin & London, 08 April 2015: Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus") today announces traffic statistics for the month of March 2015. The short haul load factor improvement 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.

	March			Year-to-date		
	2015	2014	Change	2015	2014	Change
Aer Lingus Mainline traffic statistics ¹						
Passengers (thousands)						
Short haul	625	628	(0.5%)	1,596	1,653	(3.4%)
Long haul	94	75	25.3%	222	180	23.3%
Total	719	703	2.3%	1,818	1,833	(0.8%)
Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) (millions)						
Short haul	609	618	(1.5%)	1,533	1,604	(4.4%)
Long haul	514	397	29.5%	1,226	955	28.4%
Total	1,123	1,015	10.6%	2,759	2,559	7.8%
Available seat kilometres (ASKs) (millions)						
Short haul	797	836	(4.7%)	2,161	2,330	(7.3%)
Long haul	622	522	19.2%	1,626	1,337	21.6%
Total	1,419	1,358	4.5%	3,787	3,667	3.3%
Passenger load factor (%)²						
			% Points			% Points
Short haul	76.4	73.9	2.5	70.9	68.8	2.1
Long haul	82.6	76.1	6.5	75.4	71.4	4.0
Total	79.1	74.7	4.4	72.9	69.8	3.1
Aer Lingus Regional scheduled traffic statistics						
Passengers (thousands)	96	94	2.1%	238	255	(6.7%)
Total Aer Lingus traffic statistics including Aer Lingus Regional						
Passengers (thousands)	815	797	2.3%	2,056	2,088	(1.5%)

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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