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Traffic Statistics – August 2009

Dublin & London, 7 September 2009: Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of August 2009.

Aer Lingus' total passenger numbers in August 2009 were 1,089,000, an increase of 7.7% compared to August 2008. Short haul passengers were 973,000, a 10.0% increase on August 2008 and long haul passengers were 116,000, an 8.3% decrease on August 2008.

Aer Lingus' overall load factor in the month was 83.0%, an increase of 2.4 points compared to August 2008, with capacity decreasing by 0.7%. Short haul load factor was 85.0%, an increase of 2.0 points on 2008, with capacity increasing by 10.7%. Long haul load factor was 79.7%, an increase of 2.1 points on 2008, with capacity decreasing by 14.8%.

Detailed traffic statistics are set out on the following page.

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	August			Year-to-date		
	2009	2008	Change %	2009	2008	Change %
Passengers (thousands) ¹						
Short haul	973	885	10.0%	6,581	6,286	4.7%
Long haul	116	127	(8.3%)	755	869	(13.1%)
Total	1,089	1,011	7.7%	7,336	7,154	2.5%
Revenue passenger						
kilometres (RPKs) (millions) ¹						
Short haul	1,086	957	13.4%	7,042	6,518	8.0%
Long haul	630	720	(12.5%)	4,117	4,949	(16.8%)
Total	1,716	1,678	2.3%	11,159	11,468	(2.7%)
Available seat kilometres						
(ASKs) (millions)						
Short haul	1,277	1,153	10.7%	8,888	8,358	6.3%
Long haul	791	929	(14.8%)	5,712	6,876	(16.9%)
Total	2,068	2,082	(0.7%)	14,600	15,234	(4.2%)
Passenger load factor (%) ²			% Points			% Points
Short haul	85.0	83.0	2.0	79.2	78.0	1.2
Long haul	79.7	77.5	2.1	72.1	72.0	0.1
Total	83.0	80.6	2.4	76.4	75.3	1.2

Notes

- 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