

Aer Lingus Group plc

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Traffic Statistics – January 2009

Dublin & London, 6 February 2009: Aer Lingus Group plc (“Aer Lingus”), today announced traffic statistics for the month of January 2009.

Aer Lingus’ total passenger numbers decreased by 6.4% in January 2009 compared to January 2008, being a 6.1% reduction on short haul and an 8.6% reduction on long haul.

Short haul load factor was 64.6%, which was 1.5 points down on January 2008, while capacity increased by 1.3% year on year.

Long haul load factor was 63.8%, up 2.4 points versus January 2008, with capacity decreasing by 15.0%.

Detailed traffic statistics are set out on the following page.

About Aer Lingus Group plc

Aer Lingus is an Irish low-cost, low-fares airline, providing both long-haul and short-haul passenger transportation services. Aer Lingus’ low-cost, low-fares model is centred on maintaining low unit cost, offering one-way fares, maintaining effective fleet utilisation and developing the Aer Lingus brand. Consistent with this low-cost model, Aer Lingus’ primary distribution channel is its website aerlingus.com.

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Aer Lingus Scheduled Traffic Statistics						
	January			Year -To -Date		
	2009	2008	Change %	2009	2008	Change %
* Passengers (thousands)						
Short-haul	587	625	(6.1)	587	625	(6.1)
Long-haul	74	81	(8.6)	74	81	(8.6)
Total	661	706	(6.4)	661	706	(6.4)
* Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs) (millions)						
Short-haul	597	603	(1.0)	597	603	(1.0)
Long-haul	408	462	(11.7)	408	462	(11.7)
Total	1,005	1,065	(5.6)	1,005	1,065	(5.6)
Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs) (millions)						
Short-haul	924	912	1.3	924	912	1.3
Long-haul	640	753	(15.0)	640	753	(15.0)
Total	1,564	1,665	(6.1)	1,564	1,665	(6.1)
** Passenger load factor (%)			% Points			% Points
Short-haul	64.6	66.1	(1.5)	64.6	66.1	(1.5)
Long-haul	63.8	61.4	2.4	63.8	61.4	2.4
Total	64.3	64.0	0.3	64.3	64.0	0.3
<i>Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change</i>						

Notes

* Earned seats and earned revenue passenger kilometres includes seats and passenger kilometres that are sold regardless of whether the passenger shows for a flight, as once a flight has departed the customer is generally not entitled to change flights or obtain a refund. Prior year numbers have been restated to reflect this methodology.

** Earned revenue passenger kilometres as a percentage of available seat kilometres.

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