## **Aer Lingus Group plc**

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# **Traffic Statistics – April, 2008**

## Scheduled passengers increased by 4.2% on April 2007

**Dublin & London, 8 May 2008:** Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of April 2008.

Aer Lingus' total passenger numbers grew by 4.2% in April 2008 compared to April 2007 (which had the benefit of Easter traffic). This comprises of a 4.6% increase in passenger numbers on short-haul and a 1.0% increase on long haul.

The April load factor on short haul was down to 74.3% from 79.1% in 2007, however this was in the context of a 19.8% increase in capacity on April 2007.

Long-haul load factor was down to 66.1% for April with capacity for the month increasing by 33.5% over April 2007. This capacity increase reflects the continuing effects of the introduction of two new long haul aircraft and the commencement of three new routes under Open Skies.

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 Stati		April			Year -To -Date		
	2008	2007	Change %	2008	2007	Change %	
* Passengers (thousands)			2g				
Short-haul	748	715	4.6	2,835	2,546	11.4	
Long-haul	104	103	1.0	372	340	9.4	
Total	852	818	4.2	3,207	2,886	11.1	
* Revenue Passenger							
Kilometres (RPKs) (millions)							
Short-haul	785	698	12.5	2,814	2,404	17.1	
_ong-haul	590	560	5.4	2,114	1,851	14.2	
Total	1,375	1,258	9.3	4,928	4,255	15.8	
Available Seat Kilometres							
(ASKs) (millions)							
Short-haul	1,057	882	19.8	3,864	3,220	20.0	
_ong-haul	892	668	33.5	3,237	2,368	36.7	
Total	1,949	1,550	25.7	7,101	5,588	27.1	
** Passenger load factor (%)			% Points			% Points	
Short-haul	74.3	79.1	(4.9)	72.8	74.7	(1.8)	
Long-haul	66.1	83.8	(17.7)	65.3	78.2	(12.9)	
Total	70.5	81.2	(10.6)	69.4	76.1	(6.7)	

#### **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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