### **Aer Lingus Group plc**

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# **Traffic Statistics – August 2007**

## Scheduled passengers increased by 10.7% on August 2006

**Dublin & London, 7 September 2007:** Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of August 2007.

Traffic statistics for August reflect a significant increase in both short-haul and long-haul capacity in August 2007 compared to August 2006.

The August load factor on short-haul was up 1.5 percentage points to 79.8% despite a capacity increase year-on-year of 10.8%.

Long-haul capacity rose year-on-year by 29.8% through the introduction of two additional aircraft. The decline in the load factor to 78.3% in August is as a result of this increased capacity and also the impact of the averted two day work stoppage. The first of Aer Lingus' three new transatlantic routes, to Washington DC, under the Open Skies agreement commenced service in August 2007, to be followed by San Francisco and Orlando in late October 2007.

Dermot Mannion, Aer Lingus Chief Executive, commented: "August passenger numbers demonstrate a strong performance in both long and short haul routes in a period when we have increased our capacity levels in both these sectors combined by 19%."

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**

	August			Year-To-Date		
	2007	August 2006	Change %	2007	2006	
Passengers (thousands)						
Short-haul	764	697	9.6	5,407	5,037	
Long-haul	127	108	17.6	801	752	
Total	891	805	10.7	6,208	5,789	
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs) (millions)						
Short-haul	796	705	12.9	5,380	4,884	
Long-haul	696	588	18.4	4,385	4,113	
Total	1,492	1,293	15.4	9,765	8,997	
Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs) (millions)						
Short-haul	998	901	10.8	7,109	6,367	
Long-haul	889	685	29.8	5,611	5,079	
Total	1,887	1,586	19.0	12,720	11,446	
Passenger load factor (%)			% points			% pc
Short-haul	79.8	78.2	1.5	75.7	76.7	
Long-haul	78.3	85.8	-7.5	78.2	81.0	
Total	79.1	81.5	-2.5	76.8	78.6	

Note: Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change.