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Scheduled passengers increased by 4.6% on December 2005

**Dublin & London, 26 January, 2007:** Aer Lingus Group plc (“Aer Lingus”), an Irish low-cost, low-fares airline, providing both short-haul and long-haul passenger transportation services, today announced traffic statistics for the month of December, 2006 and for the full year 2006.

Aer Lingus Scheduled Traffic Statistics						
	December			January - December		
	2006	2005	Change %	2006	2005	Change %
<b>Passengers (thousands)</b>						
Short-haul	548	522	5.0	7,513	6,875	9.3
Long-haul	86	84	2.4	1,118	1,169	-4.4
Total	634	606	4.6	8,631	8,044	7.3
<b>Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs) (millions)</b>						
Short-haul	499	456	9.4	7,251	6,135	18.2
Long-haul	467	461	1.3	6,112	6,426	-4.9
Total	966	917	5.3	13,363	12,561	6.4
<b>Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs) (millions)</b>						
Short-haul	749	678	10.5	9,613	7,973	20.6
Long-haul	581	564	3.0	7,613	7,467	2.0
Total	1,330	1,242	7.1	17,226	15,440	11.6
<b>Passenger load factor (%)</b>						
			% points			% points
Short-haul	66.6	67.3	-0.6	75.4	76.9	-1.5
Long-haul	80.4	81.7	-1.4	80.3	86.1	-5.8
Total	72.6	73.8	-1.2	77.6	81.4	-3.8

Note: Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change.