

# Aer Lingus Group plc

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## Traffic Statistics – December, 2008

**Dublin & London, 8 January 2009:** Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of December 2008.

Aer Lingus' total passenger numbers decreased by 4.6% in December 2008 compared to December 2007, being a 4.1% reduction on short haul and an 8.1% decrease on long haul.

Short haul load factor was 66.9%, which was 1.9% down on December 2007, in the context of a capacity increase of 1.4% year on year.

Long haul load factor was 72.6%, down 0.5% versus December 2007, with capacity decreasing by 10.2%.

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](http://aerlingus.com).

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Aer Lingus Scheduled Traffic Statistics						
	December			Year -To -Date		
	2008	2007	Change %	2008	2007	Change %
<b>* Passengers (thousands)</b>						
Short-haul	612	638	(4.1)	9,151	8,517	7.4
Long-haul	91	99	(8.1)	1,271	1,266	0.4
Total	703	737	(4.6)	10,422	9,783	6.5
<b>* Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs) (millions)</b>						
Short-haul	595	604	(1.5)	9,472	8,397	12.8
Long-haul	492	552	(10.9)	7,183	6,951	3.3
Total	1,087	1,156	(6.0)	16,655	15,348	8.5
<b>Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs) (millions)</b>						
Short-haul	889	877	1.4	12,328	10,743	14.8
Long-haul	678	755	(10.2)	10,042	8,890	13.0
Total	1,567	1,632	(4.0)	22,370	19,633	13.9
<b>** Passenger load factor (%)</b>						
			% Points			% Points
Short-haul	66.9	68.9	(1.9)	76.8	78.2	(1.3)
Long-haul	72.6	73.1	(0.5)	71.5	78.2	(6.7)
Total	69.4	70.8	(1.5)	74.5	78.2	(3.7)
<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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