# **Aer Lingus Group plc**

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# Traffic Statistics – July 2007

# Scheduled passengers increased by 10.5% on July 2006

**Dublin & London, 9 August 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 July 2007.

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

The July load factor on short-haul was up 1.2 percentage points to 82.2% despite a capacity increase year-on-year of 11.1% (two additional aircraft).

Long-haul capacity rose year-on-year by 27.1% through the introduction of two additional aircraft and this is reflected in a decline in the load factor to 80.8% in July. 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: "July passenger numbers and load factors represent another robust performance in a period of significant capacity increases. This performance reflects our continuing commitment to deliver low fares and superior service for customers".

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

	July			Yea	Year-To-Date		
	2007		Change %	2007		Change %	
Passengers (thousands)							
Short-haul	790	721	9.6	4,643	4,340	7.0	
Long-haul	129	111	16.2	674	644	4.7	
Total	919	832	10.5	5,317	4,984	6.7	
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs) (millions)							
Short-haul	828	734	12.8	4,584	4,179	9.7	
Long-haul	716	610	17.4	3,689	3,525	4.7	
Total	1,544	1,344	14.9	8,273	7,704	7.4	
Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs) (millions)							
Short-haul	1,007	906	11.1	6,110	5,466	11.8	
Long-haul	886	697	27.1	4,722	4,394	7.5	
Total	1,893	1,603	18.1	10,832	9,860	9.9	
Passenger load factor (%)			% points			% points	
Short-haul	82.2	81.0	1.2	75.0	76.5	-1.4	
Long-haul	80.8	87.5	-6.7	78.1	80.2	-2.1	
Total	81.6	83.8	-2.3	76.4	78.1	-1.8	

Note: Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change.