

# Aer Lingus Group plc

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## Traffic Statistics – March, 2008

### Scheduled passengers increased by 15.4% on March 2007

**Dublin & London, 7 April 2008:** Aer Lingus Group plc (“Aer Lingus”), today announced traffic statistics for the month of March 2008.

Aer Lingus' total passenger numbers grew by 15.4% in March 2008 on the same period in 2007. This comprises of a 15.7% increase in passenger numbers on short-haul and a 13.4% increase on long haul.

The March load factor on short haul performed strongly, increasing to 78% from 76.9% in 2007, despite a 22.6% increase in capacity for the same period.

Long-haul load factor was down to 72.2% for March with capacity for the month increasing by 31.5%. This capacity increase reflects the introduction of the two new long haul aircraft and the launch of three new routes under Open Skies in the second half of 2007.

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						
	March			Year -To -Date		
	2008	2007	Change %	2008	2007	Change %
<b>* Passengers (thousands)</b>						
Short-haul	788	681	15.7	2,087	1,831	14.0
Long-haul	110	97	13.4	268	237	13.1
Total	898	778	15.4	2,355	2,068	13.9
<b>* Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs) (millions)</b>						
Short-haul	788	634	24.3	2,029	1,706	18.9
Long-haul	627	525	19.4	1,524	1,291	18.0
Total	1,415	1,159	22.1	3,553	2,997	18.6
<b>Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs) (millions)</b>						
Short-haul	1,010	824	22.6	2,807	2,338	20.1
Long-haul	868	660	31.5	2,345	1,700	37.9
Total	1,878	1,484	26.5	5,152	4,038	27.6
<b>** Passenger load factor (%)</b>			% Points			% Points
Short-haul	78.0	76.9	1.1	72.3	73.0	(0.7)
Long-haul	72.2	79.5	(7.3)	65.0	75.9	(11.0)
Total	75.3	78.1	(2.8)	69.0	74.2	(5.3)
<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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