

# Aer Lingus Group plc

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## Traffic Statistics – March 2009

**Dublin & London, 7 April 2009:** Aer Lingus Group plc (“Aer Lingus”), today announced traffic statistics for the month of March 2009.

Aer Lingus’ total passenger numbers decreased by 7.0% to 835,000 in March 2009 compared to March 2008, being a 5.1% reduction on short haul and a 20.9% reduction on long haul.

Reduced capacity in the month - ASKs were down 5.7% on short haul and 22.5% on long haul - resulted in improved load factors. Overall load factor in the month was 75.6%, an increase of 0.3 points versus March 2008. Short haul load factor was 78.6%, which was 0.6 points up on 2008, while Long haul load factor was 71.5%, which was 0.8 points below 2008.

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		
	2009	2008	Change %	2009	2008	Change %
<b>* Passengers (thousands)</b>						
Short-haul	748	788	(5.1)	1,955	2,087	(6.3)
Long-haul	87	110	(20.9)	229	268	(14.6)
Total	835	898	(7.0)	2,184	2,355	(7.3)
<b>* Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs) (millions)</b>						
Short-haul	748	788	(5.1)	1,968	2,029	(3.0)
Long-haul	481	627	(23.3)	1,258	1,524	(17.5)
Total	1,229	1,415	(13.1)	3,226	3,553	(9.2)
<b>Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs) (millions)</b>						
Short-haul	952	1,010	(5.7)	2,680	2,807	(4.5)
Long-haul	673	868	(22.5)	1,887	2,345	(19.5)
Total	1,625	1,878	(13.5)	4,567	5,152	(11.4)
<b>** Passenger load factor (%)</b>			% Points			% Points
Short-haul	78.6	78.0	0.6	73.4	72.3	1.1
Long-haul	71.5	72.2	(0.8)	66.6	65.0	1.7
Total	75.6	75.3	0.3	70.6	69.0	1.7
Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change						

#### **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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