

Aer Lingus Group plc

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Traffic statistics - November, 2006

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Scheduled passengers up 7.5% year-to-date

Dublin & London, 28 December, 2006: 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 November, 2006.

Traffic Statistics for November, 2006

In November 2006, scheduled passengers increased by 2.4% to 671,000 passengers carried, compared with 655,000 passengers carried in November 2005.

Short-haul passengers increased by 2.5%. Short-haul traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometres increased by 4.0% and passenger capacity measured in available seat kilometres increased by 10.5%. The short-haul passenger load factor was 69.8%, down 4.4 percentage points compared with November 2005.

Long-haul passengers increased by 2.2%. Long-haul traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometres increased by 1.6% and passenger capacity measured in available seat kilometres increased by 2.8%. The long-haul passenger load factor was 86.2%, down 1.0 percentage points compared with November 2005.

Traffic Statistics for January to November, 2006

For the eleven months to November 2006, scheduled passengers increased by 7.5% to 7,997,000 passengers carried, compared with 7,438,000 passengers carried in the same period in 2005.

Short-haul passengers increased by 9.6%. Short-haul traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometres increased by 18.9% and passenger capacity measured in available seat kilometres increased by 21.5%. The short-haul passenger load factor was 76.2%, down 1.7 percentage points compared with 2005.

Long-haul passengers decreased by 4.9%. Long-haul traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometres decreased by 5.4% and passenger capacity measured in available seat kilometres increased by 1.9%. The long-haul passenger load factor was 80.3%, down 6.1 percentage points compared with 2005.

Detailed Traffic Statistics

Aer Lingus Scheduled Traffic Statistics						
	November			January - November		
	2006	2005	Change %	2006	2005	Change %
Passengers (thousands)						
Short-haul	576	562	2.5	6,965	6,353	9.6
Long-haul	95	93	2.2	1,032	1,085	-4.9
Total	671	655	2.4	7,997	7,438	7.5
RPKs (millions)						
Short-haul	521	501	4.0	6,751	5,678	18.9
Long-haul	513	505	1.6	5,646	5,966	-5.4
Total	1,034	1,006	2.8	12,397	11,644	6.5
ASKs (millions)						
Short-haul	746	675	10.5	8,864	7,295	21.5
Long-haul	595	579	2.8	7,032	6,903	1.9
Total	1,341	1,254	6.9	15,896	14,198	12.0
Passenger load factor (%)						
			% points			% points
Short-haul	69.8	74.2	-4.4	76.2	77.8	-1.7
Long-haul	86.2	87.2	-1.0	80.3	86.4	-6.1
Total	77.1	80.2	-3.1	78.0	82.0	-4.0

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Note: Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change

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. In 2005, approximately 71% of total passenger revenue was generated through aerlingus.com. Aer Lingus currently operates a fleet of 35 Airbus aircraft, 28 short-haul and 7 long-haul. Aer Lingus operates a single economy class on its short-haul routes including a maximum of 11 routes to the United Kingdom and 57 routes to Continental Europe, and a two-class service on its long-haul network, including a maximum of nine routes to the United States and one route to the United Arab Emirates.