## **Aer Lingus Group plc**

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## Traffic Statistics – November, 2008

**Dublin & London, 5 December 2008:** Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of November 2008.

Aer Lingus' total passenger numbers decreased by 3.6% in November 2008 compared to November 2007, being a 1.2% reduction on short haul and a 17.2% decrease on long haul. This reduction in traffic reflected the uncertainty created by the notice of industrial action received during the month and the continuing weakness of the US long haul market.

Short haul load factor was 71.8%, which was on par with 2007 and in the context of a capacity increase of 2.4% year on year.

Long haul load factor was 72.9%, down from 81.0% in 2007, with capacity decreasing by 10.8%.

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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		November			Year -To -Date		
	2008	2007	Change %	2008	2007	Change %	
* Passengers (thousands)							
Short-haul	645	653	(1.2)	8,539	7,879	8.4	
ong-haul	96	116	(17.2)	1,180	1,167	1.1	
-otal	741	769	(3.6)	9,719	9,046	7.4	
* Revenue Passenger							
Kilometres (RPKs) (millions)							
Short-haul	632	617	2.4	8,877	7,793	13.9	
ong-haul	516	643	(19.8)	6,691	6,399	4.6	
-otal	1,148	1,260	(8.9)	15,568	14,192	9.7	
Available Seat Kilometres							
ASKs) (millions)							
Short-haul	880	859	2.4	11,439	9,867	15.9	
ong-haul	708	794	(10.8)	9,364	8,135	15.1	
-otal	1,588	1,653	(3.9)	20,803	18,002	15.6	
** Passenger load factor (%)			% Points			% Points	
Short-haul	71.8	71.8	-	77.6	79.0	(1.4)	
ong-haul	72.9	81.0	(8.1)	71.5	78.7	(7.2)	
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## **Notes**

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star\star}$  Earned revenue passenger kilometres as a percentage of available seat kilometres.