

Aer Lingus Group plc

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Traffic statistics - October, 2006

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Scheduled passengers up 8.0% year-to-date

Dublin & London, 28 November, 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 October, 2006.

Traffic Statistics for October, 2006

In October 2006, scheduled passengers increased by 6.1% to 760,000 passengers carried, compared with 716,000 passengers carried in October 2005. This increase was negatively impacted by the terrorism alert in the UK in August 2006 which, as previously advised, resulted in lower levels of advance passenger bookings for August, September and October 2006.

Short-haul passengers increased by 8.2%. Short-haul traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometres increased by 16.5% and passenger capacity measured in available seat kilometres increased by 20.1%. The short-haul passenger load factor was 73.8%, down 2.2 percentage points compared with October 2005.

Long-haul passengers decreased by 5.8%. Long-haul traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometres decreased by 6.9% and passenger capacity measured in available seat kilometres was unchanged. The long-haul passenger load factor was 77.3%, down 5.7 percentage points compared with October 2005.

Traffic Statistics for January to October, 2006

For the ten months to October 2006, scheduled passengers increased by 8.0% to 7,326,000 passengers carried, compared with 6,782,000 passengers carried in the same period in 2005.

Short-haul passengers increased by 10.3%. Short-haul traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometres increased by 20.3% and passenger capacity measured in available seat kilometres increased by 22.6%. The short-haul passenger load factor was 76.7%, down 1.5 percentage points compared with 2005.

Long-haul passengers decreased by 5.5% reflecting the discontinuation of the Orlando charter route and the negative impact of the terrorism alert in the United Kingdom in August 2006. Long-haul traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometres decreased by 6.0% and passenger capacity measured in available seat kilometres increased by 1.8%. The long-haul passenger load factor was 79.7%, down 6.6 percentage points compared with 2005.

Detailed Traffic Statistics

Aer Lingus Scheduled Traffic Statistics						
	October			January - October		
	2006	2005	Change %	2006	2005	Change %
Passengers (thousands)						
Short-haul	663	613	8.2	6,389	5,790	10.3
Long-haul	97	103	-5.8	937	992	-5.5
Total	760	716	6.1	7,326	6,782	8.0
RPKs (millions)						
Short-haul	649	557	16.5	6,230	5,177	20.3
Long-haul	529	568	-6.9	5,133	5,461	-6.0
Total	1,178	1,125	4.7	11,363	10,638	6.8
ASKs (millions)						
Short-haul	880	733	20.1	8,118	6,620	22.6
Long-haul	684	684	0.0	6,437	6,324	1.8
Total	1,564	1,417	10.4	14,555	12,944	12.4
Passenger load factor (%)						
			% points			% points
Short-haul	73.8	76.0	-2.2	76.7	78.2	-1.5
Long-haul	77.3	83.0	-5.7	79.7	86.4	-6.6
Total	75.3	79.4	-4.1	78.1	82.2	-4.1

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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.