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Traffic Statistics – October, 2008

Dublin & London, 7 November 2008: Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of October 2008.

Aer Lingus' total passenger numbers grew by 3.8% in October 2008 compared to October 2007. This includes a 6.3% increase in passenger numbers on short haul and an 11.4% decrease in passengers on long haul.

Short haul load factor was 79.4% which was down on 2007 by 2.4% in the context of a capacity increase of 15.1% year on year.

Long haul load factor was 68.8%, down from 76.5% in 2007, with capacity increasing by 1.3%.

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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		October			Year -To -Date		
	2008	2007	Change %	2008	2007	Change %	
* Passengers (thousands)							
Short-haul	795	748	6.3	7,894	7,226	9.2	
Long-haul	109	123	(11.4)	1,085	1,051	3.2	
Total	904	871	3.8	8,979	8,277	8.5	
* Revenue Passenger							
Kilometres (RPKs) (millions)							
Short-haul	836	749	11.6	8,245	7,176	14.9	
_ong-haul	612	672	(8.9)	6,175	5,755	7.3	
Γotal	1,448	1,421	1.9	14,420	12,931	11.5	
Available Seat Kilometres							
(ASKs) (millions)							
Short-haul	1,085	943	15.1	10,559	9,008	17.2	
_ong-haul	890	879	1.3	8,656	7,341	17.9	
Total	1,975	1,822	8.4	19,215	16,349	17.5	
** Passenger load factor (%)			% Points			% Points	
Short-haul	77.0	79.4	(2.4)	78.1	79.7	(1.6)	
_ong-haul	68.8	76.5	(7.7)	71.3	78.4	(7.1)	
Гotal	73.3	78.0	(4.7)	75.0	79.1	(4.1)	

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.

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