

# Aer Lingus Group plc

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## Traffic Statistics – December 2011

**Dublin & London, 9 January 2012:** Aer Lingus Group plc (“Aer Lingus”), today announced traffic statistics for the month of December 2011.

The year-on-year comparison of Aer Lingus’ booked passenger numbers and load factor performance in December 2011 is impacted by the poor weather conditions experienced in December 2010, which led to flight combinations and cancellations and to customers holding multiple bookings resulting from significant disruptions to operations.

Total booked passenger numbers, including Aer Lingus Regional operations, increased by 13.0% in December 2011 which represents a continuation of the positive trend in Aer Lingus’ recent results.

Aer Lingus’ total booked passenger numbers, in December 2011 were 638,000, an increase of 11.5% compared to December 2010. Short haul booked passengers in December 2011 were 574,000, an increase of 13.9% on December 2010, while long haul booked passengers in December 2011 were 64,000, a decrease of 5.9% on December 2010.

Aer Lingus’ booked load factor in December 2011 decreased by 6.2 points on December 2010 to 68.4%. Short haul booked load factor was 67.7%, a decrease of 5.5 points on December 2010, with capacity increasing by 22.8% on December 2010. Long haul booked load factor was 69.5%, a decrease of 7.1 points on December 2010, with capacity increasing by 5.6% on December 2010.

Aer Lingus Regional’s total booked passenger numbers in December 2011 were 64,000, an increase of 30.6% compared to December 2010.

Detailed traffic statistics are set out on the following page. Attention is drawn to the notes at the foot of the tables which explain the basis on which the figures have been prepared.

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**Aer Lingus Scheduled Traffic Statistics <sup>3</sup>**

	December			Year-to-date		
	2011	2010	Change	2011	2010	Change
<b>Passengers (thousands)<sup>1</sup></b>						
Short haul	574	504	13.9%	8,869	8,802	0.8%
Long haul	64	68	(5.9%)	886	907	(2.3%)
Total	638	572	11.5%	9,755	9,709	0.5%
<b>Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) (millions)<sup>1</sup></b>						
Short haul	562	495	13.5%	9,553	9,465	0.9%
Long haul	342	357	(4.2%)	4,657	4,755	(2.1%)
Total	904	852	6.1%	14,210	14,220	(0.1%)
<b>Available seat kilometres (ASKs) (millions)</b>						
Short haul	830	676	22.8%	12,509	12,188	2.6%
Long haul	492	466	5.6%	6,083	6,080	0.0%
Total	1,322	1,142	15.8%	18,592	18,268	1.8%
<b>Passenger load factor (%)<sup>2</sup></b>			% Points			% Points
Short haul	67.7	73.2	(5.5)	76.4	77.7	(1.3)
Long haul	69.5	76.6	(7.1)	76.6	78.2	(1.6)
Total	68.4	74.6	(6.2)	76.4	77.8	(1.4)

*Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change.*

**Aer Lingus Regional Scheduled Traffic Statistics**

	December			Year-to-date		
	2011	2010	Change	2011	2010	Change
<b>Passengers (thousands)<sup>1</sup></b>	64	49	30.6%	790	429	84.1%

*Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change.*

**Total Aer Lingus Traffic Statistics including Aer Lingus Regional**

	December			Year-to-date		
	2011	2010	Change	2011	2010	Change
<b>Passengers (thousands)<sup>1</sup></b>	702	621	13.0%	10,545	10,138	4.0%

*Detailed traffic statistics may be subject to change.*

**Notes**

- 1 Aer Lingus presents its monthly scheduled traffic statistics on the basis of passengers booked to fly in the relevant month.
- 2 Revenue passenger kilometres as a percentage of available seat kilometres
- 3 Aer Lingus' scheduled traffic statistics do not include traffic carried on the Washington Dulles – Madrid codeshare service operated in partnership with United Airlines.

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