



**KERRY AIRPORT REGRET AER ARANN DECISION TO
SUSPEND KERRY MANCHESTER ROUTE, HOWEVER IT HOPES AFTER A PERIOD
OF REVIEW, ROUTE WILL BE RE INSTATED IN 2009**

Friday 28th of November 2008

Kerry Airport expresses its regret in response to Aer Arann's announcement on Thursday (27/11), that as part of their internal re scheduling and review of operations, that they have decided to suspend a number of their key routes, including Kerry-Manchester, from the 12th of January 2009.

Denis Cregan, Chairman, Kerry Airport commented:

"We were disappointed to learn of Aer Arann's decision to suspend the Kerry-Manchester route. We know from our discussions with Aer Arann management that this decision is not based on the route profitability as they were very satisfied with both the passenger loads and passenger revenue generated. The decision is more based on the non availability of sufficient aircraft to operate all routes across their network and we will be hopeful that the situation will be reassessed again in early 2009. We wish to thank them for the marketing resources and support they gave towards promoting this route since it first commenced in 2004 and look forward to working with them to examine opportunities to re-open Manchester as soon as possible as well as explore the possibilities of launching new destinations."

Kerry Airport currently has three daily direct flights to Dublin; daily flight to London Stansted; three times' weekly flights to London Luton and four time weekly service to Frankfurt Hahn. The Airport also offers weekly Summer sun charter series direct to Majorca with Falcon / JWT. Kerry Airport won the prestigious Irish Airport of the Year in 2005 from the CCI and was recently declared as the first Heartsafe Airport in Ireland by the Irish Heart Foundation.

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