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Aer Lingus Regional Announces new route from Leeds Bradford® to Cork

Monday 7th December 2015: Stobart Air, Irish airline and operator of Aer Lingus Regional, has today announced an important new route from Leeds Bradford® Airport to Cork in SW Ireland commencing on 15th March 2016.

Leeds Bradford® warmly welcomes this news and it is yet another positive indicator of the airport's continued development as Yorkshire's gateway airport as we look forward to another year of growth in 2016.

Aer Lingus Regional will fly up to three times weekly between Leeds Bradford® and Cork operating ATR72 aircraft flying on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Flights go on sale on Tuesday 8th December with lead in fares of £24.99 one way including taxes.

Tony Hallwood, Leeds Bradford® Airport's Aviation Development Director, commented:

"Leeds Bradford has been working closely with both Aer Lingus Regional and Cork Airport over the last 12 months to see the reintroduction of this important service to SW Ireland. We are confident that the Cork route will see strong 2 way traffic flows and it is especially pleasing to see the growth of Aer Lingus services after the launch of their Dublin services only last winter."

Martin Saxton, Chief Commercial Officer of Stobart Air, said:

"We are very pleased to announce the addition of a new Aer Lingus Regional route from Leeds Bradford® to Cork. Choice in regional connectivity is paramount for our business and leisure customers and key to our growth. Together with both Leeds Bradford® and Cork airports we look forward to working together to successfully launch and grow this important new route."

Visit Leeds and the Leeds Chamber also strongly welcomes today's announcement by Aer Lingus Regional of this new route from Leeds Bradford® to Cork.

Jennifer Young, Visit Leeds Associate Director of Visitor Economy said:

"Visit Leeds welcomes the addition of this new route to Cork which will encourage and grow our inbound tourism links with SW Ireland. We expect that we will attract new visitors to Leeds to take advantage of the sporting and cultural offer alongside our shopping and retail experience."

Gerald Jennings, President of Leeds Chamber, said:

"The Irish Republic is the fourth largest export market for Yorkshire companies and we expect that this new route to Cork will provide increased opportunities for bilateral trade. This announcement is welcome news."

To book Leeds Bradford® flights to Cork with Aer Lingus Regional go to www.aerlingus.com

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