

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May 2012

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office  
Dublin Airport  
County Dublin Ireland  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual  
reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange  
Act of 1934.

Yes ..... No ..X..

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in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- \_\_\_\_\_

RYANAIR STATEMENT ON ETIHAD'S 2.9%  
STAKE IN AER LINGUS - 1 MAY 2012

Ryanair's Michael O'Leary said:

"Etihad's purchase of a 2.9% shareholding in Aer Lingus doesn't alter the future of Aer Lingus, which can only be decided when or if the Irish Government sells their 25% stake. If this is sold to Etihad or to a financial investor, then it is inevitable that Aer Lingus will be broken up and some or all of its Heathrow slots lost to Ireland.

"As our 7 Sept 2011 statement made clear, Ryanair will work with whomever the Government sells its 25% stake to (if it isn't sold to us), we would welcome any other financially strong airline/investor who acquires this stake, and who could then work with Ryanair and other shareholders to restore shareholder value, which has plunged by two thirds from over €3 to less than €1 per share currently under the existing Board."

RYANAIR STATEMENT ON AER LINGUS - 7 SEPT 2011

Ryanair today (7th September) responded to statements reportedly made by Minister for Transport, Leo Varadkar that the Government might consider a disposal of its non strategic 25% shareholding in Aer Lingus.

Ryanair wishes to confirm the following:

1. If the Irish Govt wishes to dispose of its 25% stake in Aer Lingus, and if the Govt believes that any offer from Ryanair for this stake would be unwelcome, then Ryanair is happy to confirm that it will not bid for the Govt's 25% stake (although this may result in the Govt realising a lower price for its shares).
2. Ryanair would welcome another financially strong airline/investor acquiring the Govt's 25% stake, which could then work with Ryanair and other like minded shareholders to restore shareholder value, which has been destroyed over the past five years by the Board and Management of Aer Lingus.
3. Should another financially strong airline/investor acquire the Govt's 25% stake, Ryanair would not rule out entering into discussions with that party for the subsequent disposal of Ryanair's near 30% stake subject to an acceptable agreement on price and maximising shareholder value.

Ryanair will not engage in, or comment upon, rumour or speculation, but remains willing to work with any other Aer Lingus shareholders to maximise shareholder value which has under the current Board of Aer Lingus collapsed by more than 80% from over €3.00 per share in early 2007 to less than €0.60 per share in recent days.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Date: 01 May, 2012

By: \_\_\_/s/ Juliusz Komorek\_\_\_

Juliusz Komorek  
Company Secretary