

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
Form 6-K
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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 October, 2009

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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**GOVERNMENT
SHOULD
EXPLAIN WHY IT REJECTED RYANAIR'S DEC 2008 OFFER,
WHICH WOULD HAVE CREATED 1,000 NEW JOBS IN
AER LINGUS
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WHEN
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ANNOUNCE
670
JOB LOSSES**

Ryanair, Ireland's favourite airline today (

Thursday,

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) called on the Department of Transport, to explain why it rejected Ryanair's December 2008 offer for Aer Lingus

, which guaranteed to double the size of Aer Lingus' short-haul fleet and create 1,000 new jobs in the airline over a 5 year period, when

yesterday t

he Board of Aer Lingus

, which is controlled by the Irish Government and the trade unions announce

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jobs losses

, as well as

pay
and pension
cuts in Aer Lingus.

Ryanair's

Dec
2008 offer document for Aer Lingus guaranteed

to
double Aer Lingus' short-haul fleet from 30 to over 60 aircraft, create 1,000 new jobs for pilots, cabin crew and engineers over a 5 year period, while at the same time

reduc

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Aer Lingus' fares, removing its fuel surcharges, securing

its

brand, Heathrow slots and connectivity

Ryanair's offer would also have provided Aer Lingus with a strong financial partner, at a time when all

other

airlines

across

Europe are collapsing or consolidating into one of the big four European airlines led by Air France, BA, Lufthansa and Ryanair.

Since the Minister for Transport rejected Ryanair's

Dec 2008

offer, Aer Lingus has:

- Announced record losses of over €100m for 2008.
- Guided increased losses in 2009.
- Seen its long-haul traffic collapse
- Seen its net cash balances fall from over €800m, to less than €400m.
- Yesterday announced over 670 jobs losses

, and pay and pension
cuts.

Ryanair's Michael O'Leary said

:

"Yesterday

's announcement of widespread job losses and pay cuts in Aer Lingus is further evidence of the incompetence of Ireland's Department of Transport. Since

they

rejected Ryanair's second offer for Aer Lingus

last

January, the Irish Government and the trade unions have controlled the Board of

Aer Lingus

and have

spectacularly

mismanaged it. Aer Lingus' share price has collapsed, its losses have exploded, its transatlantic business is in freefall

and now

they

have

announced

over

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job losses

, together with

pay

and pension

cuts, when just 10 months ago they

rejected

an offer of guaranteed investment

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growth and 1,000 new jobs in Aer Lingus.

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The

Department of

Transport should now explain to Aer Lingus shareholders, and th

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Aer Lingus

workers

who are facing

redundancy

why they rejected a

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offer from the world's largest international airline, which would

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the size of the
short-haul fleet
and creat
ed
up to 1,000 new jobs at the airline
, while securing
the future of Aer Lingus, its brand, and its
connectivity
. The sooner the dead hand of
the Department of Transport and its*

*corrupt
Civil Service is removed from the transport
sector
in Ireland, the better it will function in the interests of consumers.*

*"
Ryanair believes there is a bright future for Aer Lingus, but it will never be achiev
ed
while it is mismanaged by a bunch of political and trade union
hacks on the Aer Lingus Board
".*

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SIGNATURES

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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: 08 October, 2009

By: ___/s/ Juliusz Komorek___

Juliusz Komorek
Company Secretary