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STAR CRUISES ANNOUNCES FLEET SCHEDULE UP TO SEPTEMBER 2001
AND RENAMES "SUPERSTAR EUROPE" AS "SUPERSTAR ARIES"

Star Cruises, "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*" is pleased to announce the schedules for all its fleet up to September 2001. The two years advance schedule will provide travel agents worldwide with firm schedules to sell and publish in their brochures. The only exception is **SuperStar Taurus** whose schedule in Japan and Korea, will be announced by the end of this year.

SuperStar Europe renamed as SuperStar Aries

"When we decided to position a ship in Thailand last year we have used up all the zodiac signs for the 3 series (**Star**, **SuperStar** and **MegaStar**) , and since the ship is marketed to the Europeans cruising to Indo-China, we named the ship **SuperStar Europe**. Since then market feedback has indicated that a zodiac sign is more appropriate for a ship in the Star Cruises fleet," explained Mr. Colin Au, President & Chief Executive of Star Cruises.

Naming of the Star Cruises Fleet

"Given the growth of the Star Cruises fleet and the restricted use of the 12 zodiac signs, we have now decided to use all **zodiac signs for each of our 3 series** of ships. This will enable Star Cruises to have up to 36 ships with the first word of the ship's name as **Star**, **SuperStar** or **MegaStar** followed by the name of one of the 12 signs in the zodiac. In line with this new philosophy of naming Star Cruises' ships, we have decided to rename "**SuperStar Europe**" as "**SuperStar Aries**," he added.

Star Cruises will also name the two 91,000 gross-tonne "Libra-Class" vessels as **SuperStar Libra** for delivery in August 2001 and **SuperStar Scorpio** for delivery in August 2002. As for the two 112,000 gross-tonne "Sagittarius-Class" vessels, they will be named **SuperStar Sagittarius II** and **SuperStar Capricorn II** due for delivery in October 2003 and October 2004 respectively. Star Cruises had previously owned **SuperStar Sagittarius**, which has been sold while **SuperStar Capricorn** has been chartered out.

Earlier Delivery of Sagittarius Class.

"Due to the strong consumer acceptance of cruising in Asia-Pacific, we are accelerating our programme to have earlier delivery of the second "Sagittarius-Class" vessel in 2004 instead of 2005," says Dato' K. T. Lim, Chairman of Star Cruises. "Star Cruises will soon have a range of new vessels, including those exceeding 100,000 gross-tonnes for deployment throughout Asia-Pacific," he added.

Meyer Werft, the German shipbuilder which builds all of Star Cruises new ships, has won a court decision which allows them to build a dam on the River Eems. This will permit the sailing of the 316m long "Sagittarius-Class" vessels, the longest cruise vessels in the world, to the sea from the yard. As a result of this court decision, Star Cruises' new shipbuilding programme up to 2004 is firm.

Star Cruises, "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*", is one of the five largest cruise lines in the world. By 2005, Star Cruises will have a fleet of 12 vessels with lower berth capacity of about 18,000 and an annual growth of 25% per year for the corresponding period.

Star Cruises has also one of the youngest and most modern cruise fleets in the world with the highest safety standards. Its ships are based throughout Asia-Pacific with Singapore, Port Klang, Phuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei and Osaka/Kobe (early 2000) as ports of embarkation. Star Cruises' award-winning fleet has the best services afloat with the highest crew-to-passenger ratio reflecting the high standards of the hospitality industry in Asia-Pacific.

Star Cruises has offices in Asia (China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand); Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth), Europe (Austria, Germany, Sweden and United Kingdom) and the United States of America. New offices will be established in the Philippines and Korea by the end of this year.

Star Cruises' completely new web-site is at www.starcruises.com or www.starcruises.com.my which provides more information on the cruise line and the itineraries.

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