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STAR CRUISES ACQUIRES NCL SHARES

February 9, 2000: Star Cruises PLC (SES "STRC") announced that on February 9, 2000, its subsidiary, Arrasas Limited, acquired an additional 6,874,800 ordinary shares of NCL Holding ASA at a price of NOK 35 per share. Star and its affiliates now hold a total of 184,693,943 shares currently representing approximately 69.0% of NCL's shares on a fully diluted basis.

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