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STAR CRUISES ANNOUNCES FLEET DEPLOYMENT PLANS
FOR SUPERSTAR LIBRA AND SUPERSTAR ARIES

Star Cruises, "The First Global Cruise Line" and "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific" wishes to announce the revised deployment schedule of the new 91,000-grt, US\$400 million **SuperStar Libra**.

Upon her completion in fourth quarter 2001, **SuperStar Libra** will be transferred to Norwegian Cruise Line and operated under the NCL fleet in Hawaii. The new ship which is presently under advanced stages of construction in Germany will now be outfitted to NCL's specifications and renamed **Norwegian Star 2**. It will be one of two sister ships, the second of which will be named **Norwegian Dawn** (formerly **SuperStar Scorpio**) to be delivered to the NCL fleet at the end of 2002.

Norwegian Star 2 - the first of the Libra-class generation vessels - is bigger with more enhanced features than Star Cruises' previous newbuilds and is expected to appeal to the North American market.

The delivery of three brand new vessels i.e. **Norwegian Star 2** (2001), **Norwegian Sun** (2001) and **Norwegian Dawn** (2002) will enhance the fleet profile and competitiveness of NCL in North America, while optimising the Group's fleet deployment schedule worldwide.

"We are already seeing vast improvements to the NCL brand since the introduction of 'Freestyle Cruising' onboard selected NCL vessels which has resulted in NCL winning several awards conferred by Porthole Cruise Magazine, Ocean Cruise News and Cruise

Mates for the year 2000,” said Mr. Chong Chee Tut, Chief Operating Officer of Star Cruises.

“We are extremely excited to have the opportunity to bring to the Hawaii market the type of modern cruise experience it truly deserves,” said Mr. Colin Veitch, Chief Executive Officer of NCL and President of Orient Lines. “In looking at the potential demand of this market, we made the decision to utilise a larger and absolutely brand new ship. It is purpose-built to present NCL’s exclusive ‘*Freestyle Cruising*’ experience, an experience more akin to a top-end landside resort than a traditional cruise ship,” added Mr. Veitch.

SuperStar Leo which was originally scheduled for deployment to Hawaii will instead remain in Hong Kong where she has developed tremendous mass market appeal. Similarly **SuperStar Virgo** will remain homeported in Singapore.

In Hong Kong, **SuperStar Leo** will offer **4-Day/3-Night** and **3-Day/2-Night** cruises to Sanya and Xiamen (China) and Danang (Vietnam) from **April 1st, 2001** to **September 26th, 2001**.

For the new cruise season between **April 1st, 2001** and **November 18th, 2001**, **SuperStar Virgo** will offer **6-Day/5-Night**, **4-Day/3-Night** and **3-Day/2-Night** cruises to destinations and islands in Phuket, Langkawi and Port Klang (Kuala Lumpur) from her homeport in Singapore.

Star Cruises will also transfer the **SuperStar Aries** to award-winning destination cruise specialist Orient Lines in the summer of 2002. **SuperStar Aries** will be renamed **Ocean Voyager** and will be deployed offering year-round worldwide itineraries under Orient Lines popular “Grand Voyages” umbrella.

“The addition of a third vessel is expected to satisfy the demand of our loyal passengers for a greater choice of long itineraries, even a world cruise,” added Mr. Veitch.

Orient Lines currently operates the 826-passenger **Marco Polo** and 1,025 passenger **Crown Odyssey** on cruise and land-tour vacations to the Greek Isles, Mediterranean,

Scandinavia, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific, Africa, India, South East Asia, South America and Antarctica. The addition of the 650-passenger ***Ocean Voyager*** will increase Orient Lines' capacity by 36%.

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Star Cruises is the fourth largest cruise line in the world operating a combined fleet of 18 ships with over 20,000 lower berths, with cruises to destinations and islands in Asia-Pacific, North and South America, Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Mediterranean, Bermuda and Antarctica. By end 2002, with the three ships currently on order, Star Cruises with Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) will have about 28,000 lower berths. Star Cruises is represented in more than 20 locations worldwide with offices in Australia, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

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