



**STAR ALLIANCE CORPORATE PLUS PROGRAMME
GROWS BY 20% IN ONE YEAR
GLOBAL TRAVEL DEAL SECURED WITH VOLVO NAP**

MONTREAL, CANADA, December 9th, 2005 – Star Alliance Corporate Plus, the alliances programme for global corporate travel needs, has seen the revenue contracted under this scheme increase by 20% within one year. At present, the alliance has global agreements worth some 1.8 billion euro in flown revenue in place, up from 1.5 billion last year.

“These figures prove that Star Alliance has a strong product in the market place which has now been successfully attracting business for more than three years,” said Jaan Albrecht, Star Alliance CEO. “Furthermore, it underlines the fact that with a global passenger share of 24.8%, our current member carriers achieve 31.5% of global revenues.”

The latest deal to have been signed under Corporate Plus, is between Scandinavian Airlines, on behalf of the member carriers of Star Alliance, and the Swedish Volvo Group. Star Alliance member carriers have been selected as the preferred global air travel suppliers for Volvo NAP, whose employees under this agreement can fly to several hundred destinations in 14 countries. The agreement will give Volvo access to competitive prices, while the Star Alliance members will benefit from increased revenues.

“We are very pleased that Scandinavian Airlines has secured this two year deal with Volvo against offers from other alliances,” said Jaan Albrecht, Star Alliance CEO.

With Star Alliance Corporate Plus, corporations or their travel management firms can contact the sales teams of any Star Alliance member carrier to work out a plan that takes advantage of the alliance’s collective network and service benefits and allows them to book and manage corporate travel seamlessly.

About Star Alliance:

Star Alliance was established in 1997 as the first truly global airline alliance to offer customers global reach and a smooth travel experience. Star Alliance has been voted Best Airline Alliance by Skytrax in 2003 and 2005. The members are Air Canada, Air New Zealand, ANA, Asiana Airlines, Austrian, bmi, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Spanair, TAP Portugal, THAI, United, US Airways and VARIG Brazilian Airlines. South African Airways and SWISS will be integrated during the first half of 2006. Overall, the member carriers offer more than 15,000 daily flights to 790 destinations in 138 countries.