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STAR CRUISES' NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE ("NCL")
TAKES DELIVERY OF NORWEGIAN SUN

Star Cruises, "The First Global Cruise Line" and "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific" is pleased to announce that NCL, a member of the Star Cruises Group of cruise lines has taken delivery of the **Norwegian Sun** in a hand-over ceremony on 1 September 2001 held at the Lloyd Werft shipyard in Bremerhaven, Germany.

Norwegian Sun at 78,000g-grt is the sister ship of **Norwegian Sky** which entered service in the North American market last year and is NCL's first purpose-built ship for freestyle cruising following the completion of the acquisition of NCL in 2000.

Members of the international media, travel trade and senior management of Star Cruises and NCL were present to witness the hand-over ceremony which also included a yard visit to **Norwegian Star** and keel-laying of **Norwegian Dawn** at the Meyer Werft shipyard in Papenburg, also located in Germany.

Norwegian Sun will kick off the fall 2001 season with a 16-day "Path of Vikings" cruise on 10 September 2001 sailing from Southampton, England to New York. Following a series of 12-day Canada/New England cruises round-trip from New York, **Norwegian Sun** will sail a 14-day Eastern seaboard / Caribbean cruise on 3 November 2001 from New York to Miami where the ship will offer 7-day Western Caribbean cruises until 6 April 2003.

The **Norwegian Star** (formerly *SuperStar Libra*) is presently in advanced stages of construction and will be delivered to NCL to commence cruises in the South Pacific

(Hawaii). **Norwegian Dawn** (formerly *SuperStar Scorpio*) is slated for completion end-2002.

“The Libra-class 91,000-grt **Norwegian Star** and **Norwegian Dawn** are both products of Star Cruises’ medium-term newbuilding programme, and were transferred to NCL following the completion of the acquisition of NCL in 2000 to increase NCL’s fleet profile and competitiveness in North America and promote the advent of freestyle cruising championed by NCL in North America,” said Dato’ KT Lim, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Star Cruises.

“The Libra-class vessels are a progression from our Leo-class newbuildings i.e. the 76,800-grt **SuperStar Virgo** (1999) and the triple ShipPax award winner **SuperStar Leo** (1998) which have enjoyed tremendous response from cruisers in the Asia-Pacific region,” added Dato’ KT Lim.

“The freestyle cruising proposition has been well-received by the cruising public in North America and the timely arrival of **Norwegian Sun** will further propel NCL to the forefront of contemporary freestyle cruising. **Norwegian Sun** will be able to offer the concept in its original form and beauty, without having to resort to ‘adapt the ship to the concept’ as the ship was purpose-built for this,” concluded Dato’ KT Lim.

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Star Cruises is the fourth largest cruise line in the world operating a combined fleet of 18 ships with over 22,000 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 two ships currently on order, Star Cruises with Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) will have over 26,000 lower berths. Star Cruises is represented in more than 20 locations world-wide with offices in Australia, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

For more information on Star Cruises and NCL, please visit www.starcruises.com and www.ncl.com

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