



STAR ALLIANCE CEO NOMINATED TO LEAD AUSTRIAN AIRLINES

FRANKFURT, Germany – August 31st, 2011 – Jaan Albrecht, CEO of Star Alliance Services GmbH, has been proposed by the Executive Board of Deutsche Lufthansa AG to become Chairman of the Board and CEO of Austrian Airlines AG as of November 1st, 2011. The nomination is to be considered by the Supervisory Board of the airline at its next meeting in September.

Since 2001 Albrecht has been at the helm of the Star Alliance organization based in Frankfurt, Germany, which is responsible for the coordination of the activities of the world's leading airline alliance.

Rob Fyfe, the chairman of the alliance's Chief Executive Board commented on this morning's news: "For the past decade Jaan has led the development of Star Alliance; coordinating activities across the member airlines, spearheading the acquisition of new members and developing the strategies and initiatives to enhance the Star Alliance proposition to both customers and member carriers. It is with regret that we are losing such a capable and high performing CEO, but he goes to his new role with the very best wishes of all member carriers and our gratitude for his leadership and service over the past ten years."

As a consequence of today's announcement the Chief Executive Board of Star Alliance has engaged into an executive search process under Rob Fyfe's leadership. Until the nomination of a successor Jaan Albrecht will remain in charge of leading the Alliance's programmes and activities.

A full vita of Mr. Albrecht is available at staralliance.com

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About Star Alliance:

The Star Alliance network was established in 1997 as the first truly global airline alliance to offer worldwide reach, recognition and seamless service to the international traveller. Its acceptance by the market has been recognised by numerous awards, including the Air Transport World Market Leadership Award, Best Airline Alliance by both Business Traveller Magazine and Skytrax. The member airlines are: Adria Airways, Aegean Airlines, Air Canada, Air China, Air New Zealand, ANA, Asiana Airlines, Austrian, Blue1, bmi, Brussels Airlines, Continental Airlines, Croatia Airlines, EGYPTAIR, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways, Spanair, SWISS, TAM Airlines, TAP Portugal, Turkish Airlines, THAI, United and US Airways. Avianca-TACA, Copa Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines and Shenzhen Airlines have been announced as future members. Overall, the Star Alliance network offers more than 21,200 daily flights to 1,185 airports in 185 countries.