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Press Release

From 19 May, Carpatair became the biggest SAAB 2000 operator in the world

Timisoara, 23 May 2006 – On May 19th, Carpatair staff planned the landing of its twelfth SAAB 2000 airplane registered YR-SBL, Yankee Romeo – Sierra Bravo Lima” on Timisoara International Airport “Traian Vuia”. It is scheduled to start operating in a few days on both domestic and international routes.

By the entrance of the twelfth SAAB 2000 airplane into the Carpatair fleet, Carpatair becomes the biggest operator of this type of aircraft in the world. SAAB 2000 airplanes have a 50-seat capacity, a maximum of 670 km/hour speed and fly at an approximate cruise altitude of 9500 meters. They are considered among the safest aircraft in the world.

From the first flight until the present, Carpatair has constantly modernized and enlarged its fleet. Having the headquarter in Timisoara, the airline began operating with no more than 3 airplanes, from which only one was a SAAB 340. Later on, the 33-seat SAAB 340 aircraft were gradually replaced by 50-seat SAAB 2000 airplanes. The much more silent and faster SAAB 2000 airplanes having a wide passenger cabin and leather seats assured the company a favorable and unique position to other regional European airlines.

In 2005, Carpatair opened its first hangar for aircraft maintenance, thus assuring 24/7 fleet maintenance. The investment was made to ensure and facilitate daily checks and the periodical technical inspections of the aircraft in the fleet, in accordance with the most compelling international standards. The entire maintenance base of Carpatair fleet is organized and authorized according to the European JAR 145 Regulations.

At present, Carpatair has a fleet of 17 aircraft, of which two SAAB 340 of 33 seats, 12 SAAB 2000 of 50 seats, and 3 Fokker 100 aircraft of 105 seats. Presently, Carpatair operates approximately 300 flights per week to 28 international and domestic destinations in Romania, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova, Italy, Germany, Hungary and France, having a monthly average number of 40,000 passengers.

During the seven years from its foundation, Carpatair has obtained international recognition and established fruitful collaborations with many of the most important airlines, also facilitating its sales and promoting its services through global distribution systems like Amadeus, Worldspan, Sabre and Galileo. At present, Carpatair collaborates with a network of over 20,000 IATA accredited travel agencies from Romania, Italy, France, Germany, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Great Britain. Through its Call Center, Carpatair offers flexible ticket booking and payment opportunities and gives specialized assistance to passengers, special offers and corporate subscriptions, as well as other consistent advantages that an airline prepares for its passengers.

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