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Press Release

Satu Mare – the eleventh point marked by Carpatair

Timisoara, 26 April 2006 – The summer of 2006 starts for Carpatair with the opening of a new destination in Romania. From 27 May, Satu Mare will complete the network of Carpatair flights. From this date on, the passengers will be able to travel three times a week from Satu Mare to 15 international destinations, of which 9 in Italy (Turin, Milan, Ancona, Venice, Verona, Florence, Bologna, Naples, Rome), 3 in Germany (Stuttgart, Dusseldorf, Munich), Lviv in Ukraine, Chisinau in the Republic of Moldova and Paris –Charles de Gaulle in France. Flights will be operated with a short stop in Timisoara.

There were several main reasons that pleaded in favor of opening this new station for Carpatair operations in Romania: the increased rate of migrating population of Satu Mare, the great flow of German, Italian, Ukrainian and other businesspersons, but also the necessity to ease the European incoming to the Gate of Maramures. These were only a few of the many motivations that determined Carpatair's leadership to initiate negotiations with the authorities of Satu Mare Airport to begin flying to this new destination starting with 27 May and the integration of Satu Mare into the complex network created during the 7 years of Carpatair's existence.

Located in the northwest of Romania, with immediate opening to the frontiers with Hungary at west and Ukraine at north, Satu Mare County has a strategic position in the perspective of consolidating a European market in this region. The inauguration of flights to and from Satu Mare will allow a reinforcement of the economical environment, as well as investments and commercial exchanges between this region of Romania and Europe. Besides facilitating a lasting economical development, adding Satu Mare flight to Carpatair's network will also allow the development of leisure tourism to Tara Oasului and Maramures as well – two regions appreciated by foreign tourists for their remarkable ethnic and folkloric values.

The famous high tower wood churches, the marvelous gates sculptured with scenes from regional daily life, the costumes, the culinary art, and last but not least, the quality of air and the rich natural patrimony – here are only a few of the reasons that, associated with the new offer for transportation to this region, will definitely determine the significant increase of the touristic traffic.

For start, the flights will be operated three times a week, according to the following flight schedule:

Satu Mare – Timisoara 07.00 – 07.50 Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Timisoara – Satu Mare 16.00 – 16.50 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Carpatair offers daily flights through the HUB in Timisoara from 11 points in Romania (Bucharest, Bacau, Constanta, Cluj, Oradea, Targu-Mures, Iasi, Sibiu, Suceava, Satu Mare (27 May), Timisoara) to an entire network of destinations in Italy (Venice, Verona, Bologna, Milan-Bergamo, Turin, Rome, Florence, Ancona, Naples) from Germany (Munich, Dusseldorf, Stuttgart, Frankfurt), France (Paris-Charles de Gaulle), Republic of Moldova (Chisinau) and Ukraine (Lviv).

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