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**STATEMENT BY ASTAR AIR CARGO, INC. CHAIRMAN AND CEO
JOHN DASBURG ON DOT FINAL DECISION IN ASTAR CITIZENSHIP REVIEW**

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Department of Transportation today issued a final decision in the citizenship review of ASTAR Air Cargo, Inc., reaffirming the earlier recommendation of administrative law judge Burton S. Kolko and concluding that the carrier is owned and controlled by U.S. citizens and is qualified under U.S. aviation laws to operate in U.S. domestic and foreign commerce.

U.S. certificated airlines must be “citizens of the United States” as defined by federal aviation law and regulations promulgated by the DOT.

The following statement can be attributed to ASTAR Air Cargo Chairman and CEO John Dasburg:

“We are gratified the DOT has unequivocally confirmed that ASTAR Air Cargo is owned and controlled by U.S. citizens, and as such ASTAR meets the statutory test for U.S. citizenship.

The DOT’s decision today is the culmination of an exhaustive and rigorous review of ASTAR’s ownership and control that included nearly two months of public hearings in which thirteen witnesses were called and more than 3,000 pages of hearing transcripts were generated.

We thank the staff at the DOT for their professionalism and their careful and considered deliberation in this matter. We also thank the hardworking men and women of ASTAR Air Cargo for their loyalty, support and diligence during this challenging period.



Now that the review of ASTAR's ownership and control is concluded, all of us at ASTAR can finally turn our undivided attention to the service of our customers and the challenge of competing in the air cargo marketplace."

About ASTAR Air Cargo

ASTAR Air Cargo maintains a cargo hub at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport and operates 40 aircraft in the United States. The company is headquartered in Miami, Florida. ASTAR Air Cargo and its employees were actively engaged in providing service to the U.S. Department of Defense during the recent Iraqi conflict. The airline currently serves the U.S. military with missions to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, and other military bases around the world. Additional information can be found at <http://www.astaraircargo.us>.

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