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QANTAS FREIGHT EXPANDS INTO VIETNAM

SYDNEY, 2 June 2009: Qantas Freight has commenced a direct weekly Boeing 747-400 freighter service between Australia, Vietnam, China and the United States.

Executive Manager Qantas Freight, Mr Stephen Cleary said the new route confirmed Qantas Freight's commitment to seeking new opportunities to service the needs of its global customers against the background of a worldwide decline in demand.

"Vietnam is one of the few countries in the region that continues to see export growth, and we are very pleased to be able to support initiatives to grow trade between Australia and Vietnam and between Vietnam and the rest of the world," Mr Cleary said.

"Our service will offer Vietnamese exporters one of the shortest transit times to the US and is conveniently timed to connect with our scheduled mainland China trucking services as well as passenger and freighter aircraft operating from Shanghai back into Australia.

"Importantly, we also have the option to add a second weekly service once global air freight volumes pick up."

Mr Cleary said that the new service would operate under the flight number QF7585 direct from Sydney to Tan Son Nhat International Airport approximately six kilometres from Ho Chi Minh City, the country's economic hub.

The service will depart every Thursday from Sydney and Ho Chi Minh City, arriving in Shanghai and New York early on Friday morning and Chicago early on Saturday morning.

Mr Cleary said Qantas Freight had recently made a number of changes to its freighter operations in response to the global decline in airfreight volumes

"In recent months we have successfully redirected capacity and resources from our European and Middle Eastern services to add Bangkok, Auckland, Melbourne, Singapore and now Ho Chi Minh City to our network," he said.

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