

**SOUTHERN STAR CONCRETE, INC. ANNOUNCES
APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND FINANCE VP**

IRVING, TEXAS – April 1, 2006 – Southern Star Concrete, Inc. (“Southern Star”) today announced that effective April 1, 2007, Gary Bullock, President/CEO and Leigh Ferguson, CFO have resigned their full time positions and have moved into an extended advisory role with the company and will continue to provide ongoing expertise to the Southern Star\Argos management team.

Concurrently, Tommy Abbott has been selected and appointed President and Daniel Hilton as Vice President of Finance for the company. Tommy has most recently served as the General Manager of the company’s DFW Division, and Daniel as the SSC Corporate Controller with responsibilities for financial reporting and corporate accounting functions.

The vacancies created by this restructuring will be filled internally, with Les Hogan, DFW Sales Director assuming the position of DFW Division General Manager, and Mark Bradley assuming the duties of DFW Sales Manager. Daniel Hilton’s newly assumed responsibilities have created the need to realign the Corporate Controller responsibilities, including promotion of Nikole Dickman, Sr. Accountant, to the position of DFW Controller. The Houston and Little Rock Divisions will not be affected directly by the above organization changes.

Tommy Abbott commenting on the new management structure said, “Although we will miss Gary and Leigh on a day-to-day basis, we understand their desire to explore other opportunities while still being a resource to Southern Star and Argos. I, Dan and all the Southern Star staff remain committed to maintaining our position as the best and most

efficient concrete company in our markets. Further, we recognize the importance of having the best people and are committed to keeping Southern Star Concrete the employer of choice in our industry”.

Southern Star (www.southernstarconcrete.com) is a subsidiary of Cementos Argos of Colombia, South America (www.grupoargos.com). Argos acquired full ownership of Southern Star Concrete in November 2005 in a purchase agreement with the former owners, Texas Growth Fund (“TGF”) and Austin Ventures, both based in Austin, Texas.