

SOUTHERN STAR CONCRETE, INC. ANNOUNCES MAJOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

IRVING, TEXAS – January 31, 2006 – Southern Star Concrete, Inc. (“Southern Star”) today announced the delivery of the first of 100 new Peterbilt mixer trucks this year to update and expand it’s current fleet of over 500 mixers trucks.

In discussing the new trucks, Gary Bullock, Southern Star President and CEO, said, “We are continuing our policy of only buying Peterbilt trucks, widely considered the best delivery vehicle in the ready-mix industry. This purchase represents a major investment by Southern Star, and reflects our strong commitment to the markets we serve”. Some of the new trucks will replace older trucks in the fleet, and the remainder will increase our capacity to service our customers in Dallas, Fort-Worth, Houston, and Little Rock.

Southern Star (www.southernstarconcrete.com) is owned by Compañía de Cemento Argos S.A. ("Argos") and Cementos del Caribe S.A. ("Caribe"), both of which are based in Colombia, South America. Argos is primarily focused in cement, concrete and related products across the Americas. Argos also has investments in financial and insurance companies. (For more information on Argos, visit www.cementoargos.com). Caribe is majority-owned by Argos and is one of the largest cement producers in Colombia. Caribe also has investments in concrete and related products. (For more information on Caribe, visit www.cementoargos.com).