

DO & CO and DE STER, the world's premier supplier of in-flight equipment, sign a strategic partnership

DO & CO transferred its stake in Supplair to DE STER

VIENNA – 2 November 2005 - DO & CO Restaurants & Catering AG sold its stake in Supplair B.V. of 34,32 % to De Ster and signed a strategic partnership for a worldwide co-operation.

While De Ster - with more than 1.000 employees in 14 countries over 3 continents and expected sales figures for 2005 of appr. EUR 220 million - is the world's leading premier in-flight equipment supplier, its new acquisition Supplair is focused on budget driven and creative food service solutions, especially for economy class passengers.

Together with DO & CO – with more than 1.300 employees and 9 gourmet kitchens - who is specialised in high quality and premium airline catering, the new strategic alliance will offer a unique and rich product portfolio to all its worldwide clients.

In 2005 the new strategic partners will already generate cumulative sales of appr. EUR 350 million and expect strong growth opportunities on the world market.

The "specialist model" with complementary core competences of all the partners will offer very innovative and flexible onboard solutions to the airline industry.

This strategic alliance creates a very efficient new player within the industry, which has excellent prospects for further development.

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