DECEMBER 2003 OPERATING RESULTS

The operating results for December 2003 are given in the table below.

How SIA performed in Dec-03			
	2003	2002	Change
SIA (PASSENGER) Capacity (M seat-km) Passenger-km (M) Passengers carried ('000) Passenger load factor (%)	8,312.5 6,597.5 1,396 79.4	6,617.1 1,392	-4.2 % -0.3 % 0.3 % 3.2 pts
Load Factor by Route Region (%) East Asia Americas Europe South West Pacific West Asia and Africa	72.6 81.1 79.5 87.7 76.1	71.6 73.5 75.3 88.0 75.0	1.0 pt 7.6 pts 4.2 pts -0.3 pt 1.1 pt
SIA CARGO Capacity (M tonne-km) Freight tonne-km (M) Freight carried (M kg) Cargo load factor (%)	871.7 546.0 88.6 62.6	832.2 550.5 85.0 66.1	4.7 % -0.8 % 4.2 % -3.5 pts
Load Factor by Route Region (%) East Asia Americas Europe South West Pacific West Asia and Africa	63.4 61.1 67.3 58.8 60.5	60.1 62.3 74.8 65.9 64.3	-7.5 pts
OVERALL (PASSENGER & CARGO) Capacity (M tonne-km) Load carried (M tonne-km) Overall load factor (%)	1,692.8 1,189.1 70.2	1,690.3 1,190.5 70.4	0.1 % -0.1 % -0.2 pt

Passenger load factors for most route regions were higher than last year's. Total carriage was close to the level achieved in December 2002 despite a 4.2% reduction in overall capacity (in Available Seat Kilometres terms).

SIA will make aviation history with the furthest commercial operation when the daily non-stop A340-500 Singapore-Los Angeles vv service commences in 3 February 2004. Prior to that, on 16 January 2004, SIA will commence a 3x weekly B772A operations to Shenzhen.

Systemwide cargo load factor fell 3.5% points because demand did not keep pace with capacity increase. As was the experience in recent months, Europe and South West Pacific route regions saw load factors falling by around 7% points. Weak export markets from these regions contributed to the decline. Flights on the West Asia and Africa route region also experienced lower load factors (-3.8% points) because there were increases in cargo capacity from the operation of additional passenger services, and the expiry of garment quotas in India for shipments to USA.