



March 30, 2008

## THOMAS COOK INDIA LIMITED RECONSTITUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thomas Cook (India) Limited (TCIL), at a Board meeting held on Sunday, March 30, reconstituted its Board of Directors with the induction of four new Directors.

Mr. Manny Fontenla-Novoa, Group Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Cook Group plc, UK (TCG)
Dr. Jürgen Büser, Chief Financial Officer, Thomas Cook UK Ltd
Mr. Michael Hallisey, Executive Director - Legal, Thomas Cook UK Ltd
Mr. Roland Zeh, Director Finance-Integration, Thomas Cook UK Ltd

All join as additional Directors with effect from March 31, 2008.

They will replace the outgoing Directors representing Dubai Financial Group, Mr. Sayanta Basu, Ms. Jacqueline Asher and Mr. Abdul Hakeem Kamkar. Mr. Mahendra Doshi, Independent Non-Executive Director, TCIL also stepped down from the Board.

No further change in Board was announced, with Mr. Udayan Bose continuing as Chairman and Mr. Madhavan Menon as Managing Director.

Upon the acquisition of TCIM Limited by Thomas Cook UK Limited and in accordance and in compliance with regulation 22(7) of the SEBI takeover regulations, Thomas Cook UK Limited has reconstituted the Board on March 30, 2008, being 21 days after the date of the Public Announcement. It may be recalled that on March 07, 2008, TCUK had announced that it would acquire up to 74.9% in TCIL and 100% of Thomas Cook branded businesses in Egypt, as well as the licenses for the Thomas Cook brand in a total of 15 Middle East countries. Pursuant to that announcement, TCUK made a Public Announcement on March 08, 2008 to acquire up to a further 20.4% of the voting capital of TCIL.

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## About Thomas Cook (India) Limited

Thomas Cook (India) offers a broad spectrum of travel and related services such as package tours, currency exchange and travel insurance as well as hotel and flight reservations. Thomas Cook has been present in India for over 125 years and operates over 160 offices at various locations in the country and has operations in Sri Lanka and Mauritius. It employs close to 2,500 staff and generated income from operations of Rs 2,862 million for twelve months period (Jan 07 – Dec 07). In its initiative to be a 'One Stop Shop', the Company offers unique travel products to its customers. During CY07, the Company launched a 'Thomas Cook Titanium Credit Card' and a foreign currency Debit Card. It also came up with products designed specially for students traveling abroad for higher studies. The Company was acquired by Dubai Financial Group LLC in 2006. Earlier this month, Thomas Cook Group PLC has agreed to acquire the Company from DFG. Additional information on Thomas Cook (India) Limited is available on the Company website <u>www.thomascook.co.in</u>

## About Thomas Cook Group plc

Thomas Cook Group plc was formed on 19 June 2007 by the merger of Thomas Cook AG and MyTravel Group plc. The new company is one of the world's leading leisure travel groups with sales of around £9 billion (€12 billion), 19 million customers, 30,000 employees, a fleet of 97 aircraft, a network of over 3,000 owned or franchised travel stores and a number of hotels and resort properties. It has operations in four regions: UK & Ireland; Continental Europe (Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia and Slovakia); Northern Europe (Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland) and North America (Canada and USA); and German airlines operating under the Condor brand. Additional information on Thomas Cook Group plc is available on the Company website www.thomascookgroup.com