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Lufthansa to Add Nonstop Flights Between Munich and San Diego International Airport

SAN DIEGO – December 14, 2021 – <u>Lufthansa</u> German Airlines announced today they will add nonstop service between Munich, Bavaria, Germany via Munich Franz Josef Strauss International Airport (MUC) and <u>San Diego International Airport</u> (SAN) beginning March 30, 2022. This service will be the first-ever nonstop service between Munich and San Diego.

"Munich has long been among our list of popular European destinations even without a nonstop flight offering from SAN," said Kimberly Becker, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority President and CEO. "San Diego has many economic ties to Germany, and the Munich region in particular, including the life sciences, car manufacturing, and technology industries that contribute to its interest. A nonstop flight from San Diego to Munich will support continued regional economic activity, bring tourists to our great city, and serve as a connection to Europe and beyond."

Flights will initially operate three times a week on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays and grow to five times weekly service in May 2022 when Lufthansa adds service on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The route will be served by one of Lufthansa's newest aircraft, the 293-seat Airbus A350-900, known in the industry as one of the most modern and fuel-efficient long-haul aircraft in the world. Lufthansa previously offered nonstop flights to Frankfurt, Germany until service was suspended in March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"With a robust economy and thriving corporate landscape, San Diego is the perfect gateway for our new service to Munich, Europe's leading hub, offering a growing raft of connections within Germany as well as to Europe, the Middle East, Africa and beyond," said Frank Naeve, Vice President of Sales for the Lufthansa Group Passenger Airlines in the Americas.

Munich is the third-largest city in Germany and lies along the Isar River, which runs through the middle of town. A cosmopolitan city, Munich is home to several museums, churches, art galleries, biergartens, and restaurants. Historical places of interest include the Deutsches Museum, the world's largest museum of science and technology, BMW Welt, an exhibit dedicated to Germany's famous BMW export, and Residenz Royal Palace, home of the royal Wittelsbach family where jewels and art are on display. The city is perhaps best known for its annual Oktoberfest celebrations, which celebrate Bavarian culture and hosts millions of visitors in the autumn season.

For schedule and tickets, please visit <u>lufthansa.com</u>.

ABOUT SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SAN)

Owned and operated by San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (Airport Authority), San Diego International Airport (SAN) is one of the busiest single-runway commercial service airports in the world



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and the third-busiest airport in California. SAN contributes nearly \$12 billion in economic activity for the region by connecting the world to San Diego and San Diego to the world. In November 2021, the Airport Authority began construction on the New T1 which includes the replacement of the existing Terminal 1, improvements to the airfield, improved transportation connectivity to the airport, and a new administration building. The New T1 program's total project budget is \$3.4 billion and is estimated to create between 15,000 to 20,000 construction-related jobs. For more information about the New T1 please visit newt1.com. For more information about SAN please visit san.org.

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