



DATE: January 5, 2006

TRADING SYMBOL:

TORONTO & OSLO: **CRU**, FRANKFURT: **KNC**, OTC-BB-other: **CRUGF**

## N E W S   R E L E A S E

### Notification of Trade

LONDON, United Kingdom, DATE: January 5, 2006 Crew Gold Corporation ("Crew") (TSE & OSE: CRU; Frankfurt: KNC; OTC-BB- other: CRUGF.PK).

On January 4, 2006, Jan A Vestrum, President and Chief Executive Officer of Crew bought 1,000,000 shares in Crew at NOK 10.83 by way of the fulfilment of a previously announced forward contract, sold 1,000,000 shares in Crew at NOK 9.82 and bought 1,000,000 shares in Crew at 9.94 by way of a new forward contract with maturity April 3, 2006.

Mr Vestrum's total exposure is 9,070,042 Crew shares, including common shares, convertible bonds, forward contracts and options.

**Jan A Vestrum**  
President & CEO

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