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IRC Responds to Oil Spills in Iraq

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: International Response Corporation (IRC), at the request of Kellogg Brown & Root Services (KBR), has deployed multiple oil spill response teams to the Persian Gulf to assist KBR in its efforts to contain and cleanup oil spills as a result of the war in Iraq. IRC personnel are currently assessing damage from burning oil wells and oil spilled in Iraq and remediation efforts have commenced. IRC is the international service affiliate of National Response Corporation (NRC).

IRC is currently working in the region providing marine offshore oil spill response services in the northern Persian Gulf in support of the U.S. Navy Supervisor of Salvage Diving. Over the last few weeks, IRC's logistics personnel have received over 30 truckloads of pollution response equipment in Kuwait that was airlifted in eleven U.S. Air Force C-5 jumbo cargo aircraft from stateside warehouses. IRC maintains a warehouse and offices in Kuwait City, has additional personnel in Bahrain and the UAE, and has established a network of trucking, shipping, and heavy equipment agents throughout the Gulf. IRC also has a coastal tanker, tugs and a barge under charter in Kuwait and Bahrain.

Simultaneous to these operations, IRC is providing "Force Protection" booming for Royal Navy, French Navy and U.S. Navy ships operating in the Persian Gulf and is providing anti-pollution standby services to the U.S. Navy in Crete.

NRC is the largest commercial oil spill response organization in the United States. Both NRC and IRC are subsidiaries of SEACOR SMIT Inc. (NYSE:CKH). IRC/NRC has U.S. offices in Great River, N.Y.; New York, NY; Eureka, CA; Seattle, WA; Houston, TX; San Juan, PR; Tampa, FL; and Memphis, TN. International offices are located in Venezuela, Brazil, Angola, the UK, France, Singapore, UAE, Fujairah and Bahrain. For more information contact Steve Candito, President of NRC, at 631 224-9141, extension 203, John Allen, Vice President of IRC at 631 224-9141, extension 116.

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