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News Release

IAATO moves their office to Newport, Rhode Island

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Newport, Rhode Island, USA: The International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) is pleased to announce that their office has moved from Providence to Newport, Rhode Island.

Executive Director, Dr. Kim Crosbie says, "IAATO continues to go from strength to strength. We currently have 116 members, representing the vast majority of commercial tourism operations in Antarctica. Moving our office to Newport is one of several changes that we have made recently to strengthen our organization and enable us to support our growing membership more effectively."

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About IAATO

IAATO is a member organization founded in 1991 to advocate, promote and practice safe and environmentally responsible private-sector travel to the Antarctic. IAATO currently has 116 members. IAATO Members work together to develop, adopt and implement operational standards that mitigate potential environmental impacts. Numerous guidelines have been adopted over the last 20 years that have proven to be successful methods in avoiding such impacts. These include but are not limited to: site specific guidelines, site selection criteria, passenger to staff ratios, limiting numbers of passengers ashore, boot washing guidelines and the prevention of the transmission of alien organisms, wilderness etiquette, garbage policy, ship scheduling and vessel communication procedures, emergency medical evacuation procedures, emergency contingency plans,

reporting procedures, marine wildlife watching guidelines, station visitation policies and more.