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MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION SPONSORS EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH EXPEDITIONS

NEW YORK, (March 13, 2003) - Continuing its commitment to environmental education and conservation worldwide, Mitsubishi International Corporation (MIC) selected its 2003 Earthwatch Employee Ambassadors on February 7th, 2003.

"The MIC Employee Earthwatch Ambassador program is an opportune way to contribute to the sustenance of the global community as well as a way to commend our employees for their proactive attitude toward conservation," said Mr. James E. Brumm, Executive Vice President and General Counsel at Mitsubishi International Corporation.

Since 1996, Mitsubishi International Corporation has sponsored employee volunteers to participate in research expeditions spearheaded by the Earthwatch Institute. Earthwatch Institute is an environmental organization that engages the general public through active participation in the scientific process.

The MIC Employee Earthwatch Ambassador winners are Annie Chang, Rhina Siudut and Barbara Pimentel. All are excited about the opportunity to support the efforts to achieving a healthier, more sustainable, global community.

"I was thrilled when I was selected and I am very excited by the opportunity to participate in one of the Earthwatch expedition," said Ms. Siudut. "I look forward to helping the organization conduct its research missions and I am proud to provide my support in developing its methods of preserving the natural wonders of the planet".

Rhina Siudut will conduct research on the Butterflies and Orchids of Spain. Rhina will join a team to explore the impact of land-use changes on the biodiversity of this landscape by plant sampling and butterfly mark-and-recapture among other things.

Annie Chang will be participating in the Rainforests of Northern Australia expedition. Working with the Rainforest to Reef Conservation Initiative, Annie will participate in an effort to discover how the loss of unique species affects the rainforest ecosystems.

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Barbara Pimentel will be participating in the Koala Ecology expedition at St. Bees Island, Australia. Investigating how a healthy, unmanaged koala population works, Barbara will be a part of a team that rotates through koala-capture, tracking, and field ecology crews.

Employees selected were chosen through an application lottery. Since its inception, the popularity of the ambassadorship has steadily increased. This year the expeditions will be taking place between spring and the end of this year. MIC saw a 37% increase in the number of applications.

About Earthwatch Institute

Earthwatch Institute is an international nonprofit organization which supports scientific field research worldwide by offering members of the public unique opportunities to work alongside leading field scientists and researchers. The Institute's mission is to promote sustainable conservation of our natural resources and cultural heritage by creating partnerships between scientists, educators, and the general public.

About Mitsubishi International Corporation

Mitsubishi International Corporation (MIC), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Mitsubishi Corporation, is a multi-industry trading and investment company with \$6.7 billion in annual revenue and 12 locations across the United States. Leveraging a worldwide network of international trading partners, the trading company conducts transactions in a comprehensive range of businesses, including chemicals, information technology, energy, metals, machinery and living essentials. MIC adds value through the ability to finance and invest in the development of companies and projects, as well as through expertise in providing the marketing, sourcing and logistics services needed for businesses to succeed. Headquartered in New York, the company may be found on the web at www.micusa.com.

MIC's Tokyo-based parent company, Mitsubishi Corporation, is one of the world's largest and most diverse enterprises. The Company's close to 7,000 employees, coupled with its approximately 44,000 operating subsidiary employees, serve clients through a global network of almost 40 offices in Japan and nearly 200 overseas offices.

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