Navistar International to Donate One-of-a-Kind Tractor to Medical Relief Efforts in India; Truck will transport mobile cat scan to improve diagnostic services throughout populations affected by earthquake and tsunami

WARRENVILLE, Ill., Oct 20, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- International Truck and Engine Corporation, the operating company of Navistar International Corporation, the nation's largest combined commercial truck, school bus and mid-range diesel engine producer, today announced that it will donate a one-of-a-kind, specially-built towing tractor to Meenakshi Mission Hospital and Research Centre in Tamil Nadu, India, to help improve medical diagnostic services throughout coastal communities affected by last year's devastating tsunami in Asia.

The mobile cat scan, formerly owned by Chicago resident Joel Willard, will be the first of its kind used in India, and will provide the opportunity for thousands of people to obtain accurate diagnoses of injuries. International's tractor will tow the CT scan from northern Tamil Nadu to the southern tip of the state, traveling more than 300 miles in a year to service remote areas of the coastal population. However, the truck's first journey likely will be to northern India, where it will provide services for people impacted by this month's deadly earthquake.

Dee Kapur, president of International's Truck Group, said this donation embodies the company's commitment to community service in the U.S. and abroad. "We live in a global community," he said. "It's important that we support efforts to improve the lives of people around the world who have been impacted by natural disasters. Our company and our employees donated generously to victims of the recent hurricanes in our country, and now, we're extremely excited about the opportunity to donate this unique product that we know will directly impact the lives of thousands in India."

Representatives from International and the Meenakshi Mission Hospital of India, along with special guests, will unveil the CT scan and tractor at a dedication ceremony on Saturday, October 22 at 11 a.m. at the Illinois National Guard North Riverside Armory. After the ceremony, military personnel will transport the CT and tractor to India via military aircraft.

Coordinating these efforts is Direct Relief International, a non-profit medical relief and health assistance organization that supports disaster relief and community health worldwide. Direct Relief International has been instrumental in providing support for victims of the tsunami, Hurricanes Rita and Katrina and most recently, the earthquake that impacted both India and Pakistan.

In addition to the medical benefits of the International's current donation, the relief program will also help increase employment and economic development in India's coastal region. International has already demonstrated a commitment to supporting India's economy by recently entering into a joint venture with Mahindra & Mahindra Limited of India to produce and market light, medium and heavy commercial vehicles for India and export markets. The joint venture, to be named Mahindra International, will have 51 percent ownership by Mahindra and 49 percent ownership by International.

In early 2005, International donated nearly $600,000 dollars worth of trucks, equipment and cash donations to the tsunami relief efforts in Asia.

International Truck and Engine Corporation is the operating company of Navistar International Corporation (NYSE:NAV). The company produces International(R) brand commercial trucks, mid-range diesel engines and IC brand school buses and is a private label designer and manufacturer of diesel engines for the pickup truck, van and SUV markets. A wholly owned subsidiary offers financing services. Additional information is available at http://www.internationaldelivers.com.

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