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MEDICAL & WATER TEAM DEPLOYING TO HAITI – PRESS CONFERENCE

On Tuesday January 25th, the Canadian International Search & Rescue Team will be deploying its Water and Medical team to a few villages in the St. Marc area of Haiti who have not had any outside aid after the earthquake in January 2010.

The team will be carrying with them:

- 30 unique water filtration systems, enough to provide 30,000,000 (thirty million) litres of clean drinking water.
- 80,000 X 10 Litre Aquatab – tablets, enough to clean 800,000 litres drinking water.
- Donated medical equipment to assess and treat Cholera victims and provide other medical needs

The team, which consists of one Durham Region Police Officer, two Paramedics (Durham & Peterborough) and two Water technicians will visit an orphanage and a few clinics in remote villages.

PRESS CONFERENCE

On Monday January 24th, members of the media are invited to witness the equipment and water filters and also to interview the volunteer team members.

ABOUT THE TEAM

CANISAR (Canadian International Search and Rescue) is the new international arm of OVERT operating all over the world during times of disaster. Its volunteers consist of Police Officers, Paramedics, Firefighters and Civilians – The team specializes in: Search & Rescue Operations including K9 SAR, Water Purification and Medical aid.

OVERT is the Ontario Volunteer Emergency Response Team – a registered charity operating out of Durham Region. Overt consists of a group of highly trained Search and Rescue personnel who at a moment's notice are deployed to any local disaster.

Overt volunteers have been previously deployed to Peru in 2007 (earthquake) – Haiti in 2008 (Hurricanes) and Indonesia in 2009 (Earthquake)

MEDIA INQUIRIES

Press Conference Location: 50 North Wind Place – Scarborough – M1S3RS (Sald Ind. Office)

Date: Monday January 24th

Time: 2PM – 3PM

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*note: Upon the team's return there will be video and photos available for the press – please put in your request