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## Tempest Environmental Systems To Provide Clean Water to Tsunami Victims in Sri Lanka and Indonesia

Tempest Environmental Systems, in conjunction with AmeriCares, are working together in Sri Lanka and Indonesia to provide pure drinking water to the staggering number of displaced survivors affected by the devastating tsunami in the Indian Ocean. The 9.0 earthquake and powerful tsunami struck on December 26, killing more than 155,000 people in 11 countries. Potable drinking water is critical to the survivors of the worst disaster to hit Southern Asia in centuries.

In response, AmeriCares sent Dr. Roddy Tempest, CEO of Tempest Environmental Systems, into the region to oversee water testing, aerial reconnaissance and to organize water treatment and sanitation assistance in the form of disaster relief and humanitarian aid to the people. Tempest Environmental Systems has already sent a growing number of Reverse Osmosis Systems into the affected area, the number of which expected to increase over the weeks and months to come. The first airlift for AmeriCares carried more than 2 million water purification treatments, which will provide 22 million liters of clean drinking waters to the survivors in this area.

With 80 percent of all infectious diseases being waterborne, Dr. Tempest's mission is to curtail the outbreak of disease. The initial Reverse Osmosis Systems sent into the region are each capable of producing a total of 20,000 gallons per day to purify well water that had become contaminated by seawater intrusion when the tsunami hit.

In 1999, Tempest led the response for the U.S. Government in water quality concerns during the Kosovar refugee crisis in the Balkans, the devastating earthquakes in Turkey, and the flood and mud slides that ravaged coastal states of Venezuela.

Tempest Environmental Systems, Inc. (Durham, NC) designs, engineers and manufactures water purification systems for customers in the government, commercial, industrial and residential market segments.

AmeriCares (Stamford, Connecticut) is one of the world's largest nonprofit disaster relief and humanitarian aid organizations.

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