



Pacific Basin Completes KVH mini-VSAT System Deployment on 99 Vessels

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Major dry-bulk shipping company is using KVH's mini-VSAT Broadband solution for global connectivity and a wide range of complementary services

MIDDLETOWN, R.I., March 09, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- KVH Industries, Inc., (Nasdaq:KVHI), announces that Pacific Basin Shipping Limited has completed the deployment of KVH's mini-VSAT Broadband solution to support Pacific Basin's initiative to modernize ship-shore communications on their entire fleet of owned ships. Pacific Basin is one of the world's leading owners and operators of modern Handysize and Supramax dry bulk ships.

"Satellite communications continue to become more cost-effective over time as requirements rapidly grow for bandwidth and speed," says Capt. Uttam K. Jaiswal, Pacific Basin's general manager – marine. "Aside from the obvious business requirements, we at Pacific Basin see value in enabling our seafarers to keep in contact with family and friends through the Internet. The new equipment will also enhance shore-to-ship crew training and support for safe ship operations."

The solution, initially chosen by Pacific Basin in the second quarter of 2016, includes: KVH's mini-VSAT Broadband sm service; TracPhone[®] V7-IP Ku-band antenna system designed and built by KVH, combined with an Iridium OpenPort[®] for backup; customized CommBox[™] management solution; and IP-MobileCast[™] content delivery service. All the hardware is protected by the KVH OneCare[™] extended warranty. The solution also comes with the myKVH[™] portal, which provides vessel location, connection details, management, and control of the data usage onboard.

Pacific Basin chose KVH's IP-MobileCast content delivery service to provide crewmembers with NEWSlink [™] TV content – international news channels plus TV channels in crew members' native languages. This helps to boost morale onboard, as crews feel closer to home when they can watch the same programs as their families on shore. The package also includes daily NEWSlink newspapers with news and sports from the crews' native countries, including the capability to read the newspapers from their own mobile devices.

The fully integrated solution, including antenna hardware, control units, and all connecting cables, is shipped with a compact footprint, which is important for a global fleet striving for timely installations. "Our global service partners were able to easily accommodate the Pacific Basin vessels' schedules and, as a result, managed to deploy the solution on all the vessels in a short period of time," says Tommy Fung, KVH's North East Asia sales manager.

"We are honored that Pacific Basin has chosen KVH's leading mini-VSAT Broadband service for their fleet," says Vivian Quenet, KVH vice president, Asia-Pacific sales. "We are proud to contribute to Pacific Basin's success by providing an entire suite of hardware backed by our commitment to deliver the best connectivity and services."

About Pacific Basin Shipping Limited

Pacific Basin Shipping Limited is one of the world's leading owners and operators of modern Handysize and Supramax dry bulk ships. The company provides around 500 industrial producers, traders, and users of dry bulk commodities with a high-quality, reliable, and competitive freight service under spot and long-term cargo contracts. Pacific Basin is headquartered and listed in Hong Kong and operates globally. Its fleet of more than 200 owned and chartered ships trades worldwide and the company employs 3,000 seafarers and 330 shore-based staff in 12 key locations around the world.

About KVH Industries, Inc.

KVH Industries, Inc., is a leading provider of in-motion satellite TV and communications systems, having designed, manufactured, and sold more than 200,000 mobile satellite antennas for applications on vessels, vehicles, and aircraft. KVH is also a leading news, music, and entertainment content provider to many industries including maritime, retail, and leisure. Videotel[®], a KVH company, is a *market-leading provider of training films, computer-based training and eLearning*. KVH is based in Middletown, RI, with research, development, and manufacturing operations in Middletown, RI, and Tinley Park, IL. The company's global presence includes offices in Belgium, Brazil, Cyprus, Denmark, Hong Kong, India, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Singapore, and the United Kingdom.

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. For example, forward-looking statements include statements regarding the functionality, characteristics, quality, and performance of KVH's products and services; customer demand, preferences, requirements, and expectations; expected expansion of our services to additional Pacific Basin vessels and the services to be provided under agreement with Pacific Basin. The actual results we achieve could differ materially from the statements made in this press release. Factors that might cause these differences include, but are not limited to, potential future decisions by Pacific Basin not to expand purchases of our products and services, the potential sale or scrapping by Pacific Basin of vessels subscribing to our services, which could reduce the level of services provided to Pacific Basin, and potential future amendments to the terms of the agreement with Pacific Basin. These and other factors are discussed in more detail in KVH's most recent Form 10-Q filed with the SEC. KVH does not assume any obligation to update its forward-looking statements to reflect new information and developments.

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