



KVH Offers Videotel's New Zika Virus Safety Video Free to All Mariners Worldwide

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“Zika Virus – Staying Safe,” produced by Videotel, a maritime e-Learning leader, explains the dangers of the virus and how to help prevent its spread

MIDDLETOWN, R.I. and LONDON, July 27, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- KVH Industries, Inc., (Nasdaq:KVHI), announced today that it is offering Videotel's new [safety and training video about the Zika virus free to all mariners worldwide](#). The goal of the program is to increase awareness of the vitally important prevention measures that can keep seafarers and their colleagues and families safe. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Zika virus a public health emergency earlier this year. Given the global nature of the maritime industry, it is imperative that seafarers take precautions to prevent further spread of the disease. The prevalence of the Zika virus in such areas as Brazil has heightened concerns with the approaching Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro next month.

A photo accompanying this announcement is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/32af9e58-f690-4b89-9e75-81ca62aac8ac>

“Zika Virus – Staying Safe” is a 13-minute training video produced by Videotel™, a KVH company, with input from the International Maritime Health Association (IMHA) and a panel of medical and subject-matter experts.

KVH has created a dedicated [website for downloading the free Zika safety video and an accompanying workbook](#). In addition, KVH multicast the training video to its IP-MobileCast™ customers on vessels across the globe, who will automatically receive the video for immediate viewing onboard. To spread the word quickly, the program includes emails targeted to a broad audience and a coordinated social media campaign.

“We are hopeful that our training program and distribution efforts will get this important information to the maritime industry swiftly and thereby help protect seafarers and prevent the spread of the disease,” says Martin Kits van Heyningen, KVH chief executive officer.

The video includes information about the nature of the Zika virus, how to avoid becoming infected, and the role of a pest management plan on vessels to avoid passive transportation of virus-infected mosquitoes on ships.

“Knowing the answers to simple questions such as what color clothing to wear to minimize chances of mosquito bites or what time of day the insects are most active can be hugely beneficial to mariners,” says Nigel Cleave, Videotel chief executive officer.

KVH is being aided in its video distribution efforts by seafarer agencies, including the International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN). “We are happy to help promote this initiative to the 430 seafarer centers around the world, and also share this information via our many social media channels,” says Roger Harris, executive director of ISWAN.

Other similar initiatives KVH has undertaken in the past include: providing free distribution in November 2014 of Videotel's safety training program about the Ebola virus, “Ebola – Staying Safe,” thereby raising awareness among thousands of mariners; and providing thousands of free Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone calls for Filipino crew to call home, from vessels using KVH's mini-VSAT Broadband sm service, during the Typhoon Haiyan emergency in November 2013.

KVH's complete maritime communications solution includes the mini-VSAT Broadband satellite network, which provides broadband connectivity to thousands of vessels worldwide; the TracPhone® V-IP series advanced satellite communications antenna systems; the IP-MobileCast content delivery service for delivering operations and entertainment content to vessels via multicasting technology; leading news, sports, TV, movie, and music content from KVH Media Group; extensive maritime training programs from Videotel; and, the KVH OneCare™ comprehensive global support program. Taken together, the company refers to the complete solution under the Power of One™ banner.

Note to Editors: For the Zika virus safety training video and workbook, please visit [KVH's Zika virus safety website](#). For more information about Videotel, please visit the [Videotel website](#). For more information about KVH's complete maritime solution, please visit KVH's [mini-VSAT Broadband website](#). High-resolution images of KVH products are available at the [KVH Press Room Image Library](#).

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