



## **KVH Industries Named Media Sponsor for Seafarers' Welfare Awards**

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### **KVH's Crewtoo and NewsLink Brands to Raise Awareness of the International Seafarers' Welfare Awards; Deadline for Nominations, 26 November**

LIVERPOOL, U.K., Oct. 31, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- KVH Industries, Inc., (Nasdaq:KVHI), a leading provider of in-motion satellite television and communications systems, has been named Media Sponsor of the International Seafarers' Welfare Awards 2014. KVH's Crewtoo® social media network and NewsLink™ digital newspapers, which are based in Liverpool, are leading providers of maritime crew welfare services. Crewtoo and NewsLink were formerly part of Headland Media, which was acquired by KVH Industries earlier this year. Headland Media is now called KVH Media Group. KVH Industries, Inc., has global headquarters in the United States.

The International Seafarers' Welfare Awards 2014 are organised by the International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN), a U.K.-based organisation dedicated to promoting the welfare of mariners and the implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006, which mandates a wide range of crew welfare benefits.

The Awards are an opportunity for seafarers around the world to nominate their favourite shipping company, their favourite seafarers' centre and port, and their choice for welfare personality of the year. Nominations for the awards can be submitted at [www.seafarerswelfareawards.org](http://www.seafarerswelfareawards.org) from now until 26 November 2013.

"We have a strong ethos that the voice of the seafarer should be heard and the International Seafarers' Welfare Awards highlight this aim perfectly," said Mark Woodhead, managing director of KVH Media Group. "We are delighted to work with ISWAN and feel that the Awards can help to inspire others and encourage the development of new and improved services that can build on the framework put in place by MLC-2006."

KVH's content services provide key aspects of crew welfare that meet MLC-2006 regulations, such as communications and entertainment. For example, Crewtoo, a social media network for mariners created last year, is the world's largest and most popular social media site dedicated to seafarers, with 85,000 members worldwide. The NewsLink daily international newspaper service delivers publications in 17 different languages onboard 9,000 ships across the globe.

"All of our maritime services, which additionally include sports, movies, music, and training videos, provide a comprehensive solution for commercial maritime companies striving to meet the new requirements of MLC-2006," said Mr. Woodhead. "We have close direct relationships with the crew and we listen to their requests so that we can create a productive and cost-effective solution for both shipping company and seafarer. Our TracPhone® V-IP series terminals, mini-VSAT Broadband<sup>SM</sup> network, and new IP-MobileCast™ service are designed to provide efficient and affordable transmission of Hollywood movies, training videos, and more, which all helps to create better conditions for the modern seafarer."

The International Seafarers' Welfare Awards 2014 ceremony will be held at the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva on 7 April 2014, with the presentation made by Guy Ryder, Director General of the ILO. The ILO is the agency behind the creation of the MLC-2006.

Visit [www.minivsat.com/vip](http://www.minivsat.com/vip) for more information about KVH's maritime broadband connectivity solutions, which include the TracPhone V-IP series terminals, the mini-VSAT Broadband network, and the IP-MobileCast content delivery service. Visit [www.crewtoo.com](http://www.crewtoo.com) for more information about the social media network for mariners.

#### **About KVH Industries, Inc.**

KVH Industries is a leading provider of in-motion satellite TV and communications systems, having designed, manufactured, and sold more than 175,000 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. In addition to Crewtoo and NewsLink, KVH's content-related maritime-industry brands include Walport® Maritime Training Films and Walport Entertainment On-Board. In hotels, KVH is a leading provider of daily news publications, serving clients in 192 countries. KVH's mission is to connect mobile customers around the globe with the same digital television entertainment, communications, and Internet services that they enjoy in their homes and offices. KVH is based in Middletown, Rhode Island, U.S.A., with facilities in Illinois, Denmark, Norway, the U.K., Singapore, the Philippines, and Japan.

This release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include, for example, statements regarding the timing and occurrence of new content delivery services rollout plans, the functionality, characteristics, quality, cost and performance of KVH services and technology; anticipated innovation and product development; and customer demand, preferences, requirements and expectations. The actual results could differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause such differences include, among others, uncertainties regarding the successful launch and deployment of new satellites; access to sufficient and uninterrupted satellite capacity to provide the service; uncertainty about the scope of customer demand; the potential inability to maintain licenses necessary for the network; risks associated with the delivery or performance of critical hardware; unanticipated technical or legal impediments related to new service rollout plans and expected strategic relationships; unanticipated increases in media costs or loss of distribution rights; KVH's dependence on the availability of third-party satellites and services to support broadcasts to mobile antennas; changes in the costs and capabilities of competing offerings. These and other risk factors are discussed in more detail in KVH's most recent Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 9, 2013. KVH does not assume any

obligation to update its forward-looking statements to reflect new information or developments.

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