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AvPORTS Proud to Support The Ocean Cleanup's Surveillance Mission

Moffett Field Airport served as a base for Pacific operations

Mountain View, CA – (January 12, 2017) In the fall of 2016, The Ocean Cleanup brought a team of environmentalists and a specially equipped civilian C-130 Hercules to Moffett Field Airport to conduct a series of surveillance flights to locate and map the Pacific Ocean floating garbage patch. Moffett Field was selected due to its proximity to the target area, and location in the heart of Silicon Valley. The AvPORTS Moffett Field team provided flight line support for the aircraft and administrative support for their mission planners and crew.

The objective of the mission was to determine the extent of the ocean's largest and most damaging debris: abandoned fishing gear otherwise known as "ghost nets". The twenty man strong flight crew of researchers, technicians and navigation personnel mapped the Great Pacific Garbage Patch collecting mass amounts of data that will be critical to the deployment of pilot cleanup technology anticipated later this year.

Following the mission, Boyan Slat, CEO and Founder of The Ocean Cleanup commented, "It's been two months since we successfully completed the Aerial Expedition and I wanted to take a moment to thank the AvPORTS Moffett Field team for your hard work. From preparing the aircraft to planning and executing the survey flights, you've played a key role in this ambitious mission while ensuring the safety of our crew members. The data we collected will allow us to confidently move forward on our mission to initiate the largest cleanup in history. This couldn't have been done without your outstanding effort."

For more information on The Ocean Cleanup and the Aerial Expedition project, please visit www.theoceancleanup.com. For more information on AvPORTS, please visit www.avports.com.

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About The Ocean Cleanup:

The Ocean Cleanup develops advanced technologies to rid the world's oceans of plastic. Founded in 2013 by then 18-year-old Boyan Slat, The Ocean Cleanup now employs approximately 50 engineers and researchers. The foundation is headquartered in Delft, The Netherlands. Instead of going after plastic debris with vessels and nets – which would take many thousands of years and billions of dollars to complete – The Ocean Cleanup is designing a network of extremely long floating barriers that will remain stationary in the water, enabling the ocean to concentrate the plastic using its own currents.