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BAKER CONQUERS THE ATLANTIC

Nick Baker has successfully completed his single-handed sailing of the Atlantic and has arrived in Antigua to be met by his wife, his children, his friends, countless well-wishers and several members of the Antigua government.

Nick, a senior yacht broker at Camper & Nicholsons International, was diagnosed with lung cancer three years ago. He took on the Atlantic challenge to raise funds for The Aqualung Trust, which he set up to raise funds for four charities. The charities are Magpie Cancer Centre Campaign, The Institute of Cancer Research, Encompass and Merlin.

Ansbacher is acting as banker to The Aqualung Trust, which is a registered charity that has been set up to administer the project and the fundraising activities. Additionally Ansbacher advanced the funds for the purchase of the boat and its subsidiary company, Sarnia Yachts, handled the registration services for both the boat and its corporate ownership.

The boat will now be sold and if any profit is made on the sale, this will be donated to the Aqualung Trust.

Nick Baker was delighted to set foot on dry land. He said:

“It’s fantastic to be here and I’m completely overawed by the welcome I’ve been given. But far more importantly we’ve raised the profile of The Aqualung Trust and I want to say a huge thank-you to every individual and organisation that has supported the trust and helped to raise what I hope will be a considerable sum of money for these four excellent charities.”

Donations can be made by bank transfer to:

Account name: The Aqualung Trust Current Account
Account number: 28003991
Sort Code: 70 - 15 - 70

Further information on The Aqualung Project can be found on www.aqualungtrust.org and Ansbacher's web site at www.ansbacher.com

Notes to editors:

The **Institute of Cancer Research** is one of the world's leading cancer research organisations and is internationally renowned for the quality of its science. The Institute's commitment to newly emerging fields of research is reflected by plans for a specialist Genetic Epidemiology building with cutting-edge facilities.

www.icr.ac.uk

The **Maggie Cancer Centre Campaign** is a cancer centre in Winchester that purchases medical equipment for the investigation and treatment of patients in the Winchester Health District. The centre also has resources to further research, education and care.

Merlin is a UK-based international humanitarian organisation dedicated to providing emergency health-care to millions of vulnerable people affected by wars, natural disasters and epidemics. It is currently heavily involved in the relief effort following the recent Tsunami disaster in Asia.

www.merlin.org.uk

Encompass - The Daniel Braden Reconciliation Trust was set up following the death of Daniel Braden in the 2002 terrorist bombing in Bali. In an effort to build on relationships between young people from different ethnic and religious backgrounds, it brings them together to crew and sail tall ships around the world.

www.encompasstrust.org

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