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SEACOR ANNOUNCES INCREASE IN SECURITIES REPURCHASE AUTHORITY

HOUSTON--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--May 14, 2003--SEACOR SMIT Inc. (NYSE:CKH) announced today that its Board of Directors had increased its authorization for repurchases pursuant to its previously announced securities repurchase program.

With this increase, the Company has approximately \$65 million available for such purposes. The securities covered by the repurchase program include the Company's common stock, its 7.2% senior notes due 2009 and its 5 7/8% senior notes due 2012. The repurchase of securities may be conducted from time to time through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise depending on market conditions.

SEACOR and its subsidiaries are engaged in the operation of a diversified fleet of offshore support vessels that service oil and gas exploration and development activities in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, the North Sea, West Africa, Asia, Latin America and other international regions. Other business activities include environmental services, inland river operations and helicopter transportation services to the oil and gas industry mainly in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

This release includes "forward-looking statements" as described in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements herein that describe the Company's expectations, strategic objectives, business prospects, anticipated economic performance and financial condition and other similar matters involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of results to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements discussed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks, uncertainties and other important factors include, among others: general economic and business conditions, the cyclical nature of our business, adequacy of insurance coverage, currency exchange fluctuations, changes in foreign political, military and economic conditions, the ongoing need to replace aging vessels, dependence of spill response revenue on the number and size of spills and upon continuing government regulation in this area and our ability to comply with such regulation and other governmental regulation, industry fleet capacity, changes in foreign and domestic oil and gas exploration and production activity, competition, regulatory initiatives, customer preferences, marine-related risks, effects of adverse weather conditions and seasonality on the Company's offshore aviation business, helicopter related risks, effects of adverse weather and river conditions and seasonality on inland river operations, the level of grain export volume, variability in freight rates for inland river barges and various other matters, many of which are beyond the Company's control and other factors. The words "estimate," "project," "intend," "believe," "plan" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements included in this release speak only as of the date of this release and SEACOR disclaims any obligation or undertaking to provide any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in our expectations or any change in events, conditions, or circumstances on which the forward-looking statement is based. The forward-looking statements in this release should be evaluated together with the many uncertainties that affect our businesses, particularly those mentioned under "Forward-Looking Statements" in Item 7 of our Form 10-K and SEACOR's periodic reporting on Form 10-Q and Form 8-K (if any), which we incorporate by reference.

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