UNEP partners with film company for climate change conference

Cancun - The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Polar Cap Productions, Inc. (PCP) are pleased to announce the COP16 screenings of Mark Terry's new climate change documentary **The Polar Explorer**

Renewing their partnership first made for the presentation of PCP's film **The Antarctica Challenge: A Global Warning** for COP15 in Copenhagen last year, the UNEP and PCP have once again joined forces to present **The Polar Explorer** at this year's conference to be held here November 29 to December 10, 2010.

Screenings will take place at the Cancunmesse Exhibition Centre and other venues in Cancun throughout the conference. A special two-and-a-half-minute trailer created for the COP16 screenings has been created and can be seen on the UNEP website as well as on its YouTube channel.

UNEP's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/UnepAndYou.

UNEP's website: www.unep.org/newscentre/default.asp?ct=shortfilms

Photos and film clips are available upon request.

The documentary reports on new scientific discoveries made at both poles - the Arctic and the Antarctic. Expeditions made by the British Antarctic Survey and ArcticNet were filmed in October and November this year to provide the most current findings.

Achim Steiner, UN Under-Secretary General and UNEP Executive Director, said: "The speed at which the polar regions are melting needs to be reflected in the speed with which nations come to agree on a decisive and definitive new global climate agreement. While the science is speaking loudly, it is often difficult for millions if not billions of people to witness this with their own eyes."

"This is the value of the film **The Polar Explorer**," Mr. Steiner added, "seen through the eyes of the scientists on the front-line, it brings the climate impacts at the poles to audiences in the conference halls of Cancun and the computers of the global public in order to raise the alarm but also the imperative to act".

COP16 delegates and organizations wishing to book a screening of reports from **The Polar Explorer** during the conference are asked to contact Mr. Terry by email at mark@polarexplorerfilm.com or by calling Polar Cap Productions at 416-480-1996.

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