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BRAVERY AWARD

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Presented to

Christopher “Moss” Hills

for his courageous actions when the passenger ship Oceanos sprang a leak in horrendous weather conditions – hurricane force winds and 14 metre waves – off the Wild Coast of South Africa on the evening of 03 August 1991 and eventually foundered twelve hours later.

Moss was a musician engaged by TFC Tours to entertain the passengers yet when the Oceanos crew panicked on learning that the ship was taking on water and largely left the passengers to their own devices, he, together with a few others of the TFC staff on board, took control of the situation.

In particular, Moss helped passengers in the perilous business of jumping from the Oceanos's heaving deck into lifeboats, organised the airlift into helicopters of passengers off a fore deck, when the ships' list to starboard became so pronounced that persons had difficulty keeping their footing he tied himself on a

long rope to the portside guardrail on the top deck to rescue passengers sliding helplessly across the deck and in danger of being swept off the starboard side of the vessel, operated the bridge radio to give ships that had come to the assistance of the Oceanos information on the situation on board. At risk to his own life, on at least two occasions he went below with his video camera, into the tailshaft tunnel and the engine room, to record the water ingress. Finally, in one of the very last helicopter lifts Moss, with two other TFC entertainers who had also remained until the end to see that all passengers were evacuated, was taken to safety ashore.

Moss Hills' bravery and selfless actions that day undoubtedly played a major role in saving many peoples' lives. As fellow South Africans we are proud to be able to recognise and honour his achievement, albeit so long afterwards.

Ronnie Stein
Chairman of the Board of Directors



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