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Lifesaving/Sauvetage Canada is pleased to announce the selection of members to Canada's Representative Team for the upcoming DHL International Surf Challenge in Mt.Maunganui, New Zealand, to be held from 31 January to 4 February 2011.

These individuals were selected primarily based on performances at the 2009 and 2010 edition of the Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships. The team invitations were issued by the national team selection committee following two rounds of call for applications.

The representative team athletes are:

Audrey PRAYAL-BROWN, Nova Scotia

Roman SOROKA, Nova Scotia

James VERREAULT, Ontario

Alexandra FERGUSON, Ontario

Leo POKOUSSAEV, Ontario

Emily BRADY, Ontario

Alexandrine MASSE-BOMBARDIER, Québec

Nicholas HAY, Ontario

Jordan ANDERSEN, Ontario

Mike ZITTA, Ontario

The 10 athletes – four women and six men – representing Canada at the DHL International Surf Challenge will compete in a number of lifesaving sport events on the beach and in the surf. Lifesaving sport physical events combine the speed of competitive swimming and running, and using rescue craft in surf conditions. The International Surf Challenge 2011 will consist of three one-day tests of 23 events each over a five-day period.

The team will be managed by Laura TRACEY (Ontario), originally from Thunder Bay, Ontario, who currently resides in New Zealand and therefore has an extensive knowledge of the country.

“The team will enable some of our veteran athletes to give some valuable experience to newcomers on the international stage,” Lifesaving/ Sauvetage Canada Sport Commissioner Patricia Kitchen said of the members of the DHL International Surf Challenge Team. “We look forward to their performances in these testing conditions.”

In addition to the DHL International Surf Challenge, the Canadian representative team has been invited to compete at the New Zealand Northern Regional Championships on January 29 and 30.

The Lifesaving Society – Canada’s lifeguarding expert – has been saving lives in Canada for over 100 years through its training programs, Water Smart® drowning prevention campaign, and safety management services. Over 700 000 Canadians participate annually in the society’s swimming, lifesaving, lifeguard and leadership programs. Lifesaving sport is the only sport that has been developed based on humanitarian principles. The Society is the governing body for lifesaving sport – a sport recognized by the IOC and the Commonwealth Games Federation.

For more information and to interview members of Canada’s National Lifesaving Team, please contact:

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