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A new beginning for Antarpply Expeditions

Antarpply Expeditions is pleased to announce the full refurbishment of their vessel, MV Ushuaia, for the start of the 2023/24 Antarctic season in Ushuaia on 3 November 2023.

The MV USHUAIA is one of the only remaining expedition class vessels still operating with fewer than 90 passengers. With new hard and soft furnishings across all decks including the lounges, dining room and cabins, as well as the crew areas, the vessel is ready to welcome guests for the Antarctic season.

The refurbishment has been initiated as one of the first projects by the new owners following completion by the shareholders of the recent transfer of the company.

Teo Gounaris says “Our shareholders and Board of Directors look back on more than 25 successful years in the international shipping business and the Group are delighted to have acquired the MV USHUAIA and Antarpply Expeditions. Our team of highly qualified professionals with vast experience in ship management are committed to safe and environmentally responsible travel to Antarctica and to continue providing the best possible service“.

Sadly, at the same time, Antarpply will bid farewell to Ute Hohn-Bowen, part owner and director of the business, who will retire on 31 December 2023. Ute is delighted to announce that she will be replaced by Greg Carter, commencing 1 January 2024.

Greg brings over 20-years of experience in the industry from his time as co-founder of Chimu Adventures to more recently Chief Commercial Officer at Albatros Expeditions. Coincidentally, Greg’s first voyage to Antarctica was on board MV USHUAIA back in 2007!

On the announcement, Ute says, “It hasn’t been the easiest decision but, after almost 20 years at Antarpply, I am announcing my retirement. I leave behind the most amazing team and also the beloved USHUAIA – a truly unique expedition ship - who I will miss very much. Antarctica changed my life. From my first expedition in 1992 on board a small Russian ship to management positions with well-known Polar expedition companies in both the Arctic and Antarctica, then joining Antarpply in 2004.”

“It has been a privilege and honour to help build and develop the business and I am delighted to be handing it over into the capable hands of Teo Gounaris and Greg Carter. I am certain the future will be bright for Antarpply and they will continue to show Antarctica in the best, most responsible manner.”

Greg Carter says, "we wish Ute all the best in her retirement. I have had the privilege of working with Ute as a client since 2006, and I am committed to continuing in her footsteps. Ute is truly an inspiration and has had a big impact on my career, I can only hope to continue what she has worked so hard to build. Ute has built many productive and long-lasting relationships for the business and is one of the pioneers of travel to the Antarctic. She will be sadly missed by the whole team at Antarpply.”

The Antarpply website www.antarpply.com will be updated with new collateral including new images over the coming weeks.

Teodoro Pablo Gounaris
Chairman, Antarpply Expeditions