

MIAMI, Nov. 12, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Carnival Corporation & plc (NYSE/LSE: CCL; NYSE: [CUK](#))

and the Miami HEAT today announced that Carnival Corporation & plc, its 10 cruise brands and the Carnival Foundation will team up with the two-time defending NBA Champion Miami HEAT in making a pledge to donate at least

\$1 million

to support relief efforts in communities affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

. Miami HEAT owner

Micky Arison

is also the chairman of Carnival Corporation & plc.

"All of us at Carnival and the Miami HEAT extend our deepest sympathy to the Philippines and its people," Arison said. "The typhoon in the Philippines

has caused massive destruction, and is having a tragic impact on people and families, including those members of our extended Carnival family who reside in the region. We are in the process of evaluating a variety of worthy organizations that are doing fantastic work in the Philippines

. In addition to providing financial support for relief efforts, our collective thoughts and prayers are with all of those who have been impacted."

"We would like to extend our condolences to the victims in the Philippines, an area I hold close to my heart and have visited four times in the last five years," said Miami HEAT Head Coach Erik Spoelstra

, a Filipino American. "It is vitally important that we do everything possible to help those impacted by this tragedy. My thanks and appreciation to Carnival,

Micky Arison

and the entire Miami HEAT organization. We value the many fans that we have over there, and we will keep them in our thoughts and prayers."

In addition to pledges, each of Carnival Corporation & plc's brands and its employees will continue to support the ongoing relief efforts through local fundraising and other aid initiatives.

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Carnival Corporation & plc is the largest cruise company in the world, with a portfolio of cruise brands in North America, Europe, Australia and Asia, comprised of Carnival Cruise Lines, Holland America Line, Princess Cruises, Seabourn, AIDA Cruises, Costa Cruises, Cunard, Ibero Cruises, P&O Cruises (Australia) and P&O Cruises (UK).

Together, these brands operate 102 ships totaling 209,000 lower berths with eight new ships scheduled to be delivered between spring 2014 and fall 2016. Carnival Corporation & plc also operates Holland America Princess Alaska Tours, the leading tour company in Alaska and the Canadian Yukon. Traded on both the New York and London Stock Exchanges, Carnival Corporation & plc is the only group in the world to be included in both the S&P 500 and the FTSE 100 indices.

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