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***THE ULTIMATE WAVE TAHITI – KELLY SLATER’S IMAX® SURF EPIC –
SPLASHES INTO THE REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER ON JULY 1, 2010***

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 3, 2010 – The most iconic surfer of modern times, Kelly Slater emerges on the Giant Screen in his first ever IMAX® film appearance in veteran director Stephen Low’s production, ***THE ULTIMATE WAVE TAHITI***, set to premier July 1 at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center’s Heikoff Dome Theater in San Diego, California.

This visually captivating film follows nine-time World Champion surfer Kelly Slater and famed Tahitian surfer, Raimana Van Bastolaer, as they take on Tahiti’s most extreme surf break known as Teahupo’o. Revered by surfers worldwide, though few are capable of tacking its strength and power, Teahupo’o is a one-of-a-kind wave, the most dangerous and perfect wave to be found anywhere.

“The film attempts to convey the idea that no two waves are the same. Yet, all waves share common traits,” said director Stephen Low. “Like Kelly Slater himself – the epitome of what the best surfer in the world should be in terms of athletic prowess, intelligence and courage – to many the wave at Teahupo’o is indeed the ‘ultimate wave’,” continued Low. According to the world’s most accomplished surfers, Teahupo’o is a one-of-a-kind ocean wave, and the perfect classroom to discuss the mystery that is a wave.

Surfing enthusiasts often speak of their pursuit to find the perfect wave. ***THE ULTIMATE WAVE TAHITI*** brings light to this quest in a format that can be enjoyed by surfers, as well as those not immersed in surf culture. As key personalities in the film, Slater and Von Bastolaer explain where waves come from, why they are important and how communities and people far from the ocean shore are affected by the ocean’s interplay within our ecosystem. With the use of advanced animation techniques and science support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other authorities, Slater’s hands-on wave experience is woven together with profound scientific insights.

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Slater's impressive resume lends weight to his insights and credibility to his film role as lecturer and ocean authority. The world fell in love with Slater during his meteoric advance from the amateur surfing circuit in Florida to his early domination of professional competition circuit. His nine world-championships, the most ever won by any surfer, give Slater an enviable platform from which he frequently influences the sport and surfing lifestyle. *THE ULTIMATE WAVE TAHITI* is the first giant screen film to use extreme surfing to explain the complex science of waves.

Executive produced by K2 Communications, *THE ULTIMATE WAVE TAHITI* began its highly anticipated global release in February 2010 with premier events in Los Angeles and Sydney, Australia. The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center marks the San Diego premiere of the film. Underwriting and marketing for the film was provided by Suzuki, Tahiti Tourisme, and Quiksilver.

The film has not been rated and has a running time of 45 minutes.

About the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

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