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### **Propeller Replacement Requires *Clelia II* to Cancel Balance of 2009-10 Antarctic Season**

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*January 20, 2010, New York, NY...* Initial photographs taken by divers in Ushuaia, Argentina in early January suggested that the damage to *Clelia II's* starboard propeller, sustained when it hit rocks off Petermann Island in the Antarctic Peninsula, might be reparable.

However, when the ship was pulled out of the water in dry-dock in Punta Arenas, Chile, this initial assessment was discovered to be overly optimistic, with a full replacement of the propeller required. On receiving this news, and knowing that acquisition of a new propeller would require approximately seven weeks, Travel Dynamics International made the decision to cancel the balance of *Clelia II's* 2009-10 Antarctic season.

All of the passengers booked on these Antarctic departures have been notified.

*Clelia II* remains in dry-dock in Punta Arenas, awaiting delivery of the propeller now being manufactured in Denmark. Travel Dynamics expects the propeller to be installed by the beginning of March, with plans to resume the *Clelia II's* cruise schedule that same month.

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