

**Attention News Editors:**

## **Statement From Deep Sea Trawlers**

LUNENBURG, NS, June 19 /CNW/ - Deep Sea Trawlers, Lunenburg, NS, regrets

to advise that the company lost a crewmember overboard at approximately 11:30

PM last night off the scallop vessel Atlantic Leader.

The Atlantic Leader was fishing scallops on Georges Bank in Canadian waters when the crewmember accidentally was lost over the side of the vessel.

The Atlantic Leader began an immediate search for the missing crewman.

The Rescue Coordination Centre, Halifax, was notified immediately and an

aircraft and helicopter were dispatched to the search area. The Atlantic

Leader was joined in its search efforts by two other Deep Sea vessels in the

area.

The search was later joined by the U.S. Coast Guard vessel 'Dependable',

which is now coordinating search efforts.

Peter Matthews, Deep Sea Trawlers' vice president, Fleet Operations, said

the missing crewmember's family has been notified of the accident, as have all

employees.

He said, "This is a deeply regrettable accident. At this time, our top

priority is meeting the needs of the crewman's family and our employees."

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