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THE OCEAN COMES ALIVE AS CANARIE HELPS THE CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE ENGAGE THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Images and data from NEPTUNE Ocean Observatory featured in CANARIE- sponsored RBC Blue Water Gallery at renovated and renewed Canadian Museum of Nature

[Ottawa, Ontario May 31 2010] Children of all ages will be amazed by the range of exhibits, images, and information displayed at the new RBC Blue Water Gallery in the recently renovated Canadian Museum of Nature. CANARIE is one of the sponsors of the new RBC Blue Water Gallery, and CANARIE's advanced network capabilities also enable the Museum to access data and images from the NEPTUNE underwater ocean observatory, a key feature of the exhibit focusing on Canada's waterways.

"CANARIE's support of the Museum has been fantastic," notes Joanne DiCosimo, President and CEO of the Canadian Museum of Nature. "The data and images available via the CANARIE link to the NEPTUNE ocean observatory are quite remarkable, and demonstrate the potential of technology to help us explore, understand, and preserve our precious water resources."

"This is another example of the tremendous potential of the CANARIE network to benefit users of all kinds – not just the oceanographers, marine biologists, seismologists and geophysicists, among others, that typically make use of the NEPTUNE data feed. Who knows? Maybe these images will serve to inspire a new generation of ocean scientists", says Jim Roche, President and CEO of CANARIE.

The Canadian Museum of Nature, located in Ottawa, reopened on May 22 after a major renovation of the historic Victoria Memorial Museum, which was begun in 2004. New areas to explore include the RBC Blue Water Gallery, the Vale Earth Gallery, as well as the renovated Animalium, Gift Shop and Museum Cafe.

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