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STATUE CRUISES APPOINTS MICHAEL BURKE VICE PRESIDENT & COO

Local ferry executive to take the helm at the new Statue of Liberty Ferry

Battery Park/Liberty State Park – Michael K. Burke has been appointed the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Statue Cruises, LLC. In this capacity Burke will have oversight of all operations, sales, accounting and management of Statue Cruises. He will also be responsible for developing and maintaining partnerships and exploring new business opportunities.

Burke has worked in the ferry business in the New York Harbor for 28 years, most recently as the Chief Financial Officer of BillyBey Ferry Company. In 2000, he served as the President and CEO of Circle Line – Statue of Liberty Ferry.

“Michael is a great addition to our Statue Cruises team. His experience and depth of knowledge in the New York Harbor is tremendous. Under his leadership we expect to see Statue Cruises grow and prosper,” said Terry MacRae, President and CEO of Statue Cruises, LLC.

“Partnerships are a key element to the tourism industry in New York City. Michael, along with his management team, look forward to working with our friends in the National Park Service and with New York and New Jersey to make visiting the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island a memorable experience for both visitors and locals,” continued MacRae.

Burke is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a B.S. in Accounting from Manhattan College and a M.S. from Pace University. He is a member of AICPA, NYSSCPA, and the NYSSCPA Hospitality Committee. He was also a member of the WTC Disaster Relief Task Force and is an active community volunteer.

Statue Cruises is the concessioner authorized by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, to serve the public at the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island. Statue Cruises was selected by the NPS for the long contract for ferry service following a competitive bid process in 2007. Operations began on January 1, 2008. Statue Cruises is a subsidiary of the San Francisco based, Hornblower Yachts, Inc. Hornblower is one of the largest charter yacht, dining cruise and eco tour companies in country. Alcatraz Cruises, another subsidiary, holds the National Park Service contract for ferry service to Alcatraz Island in San Francisco.

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