

## Exhibit 1

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

MARTHA'S VINEYARD SCUBA HEADQUARTERS INC.

CIVIL ACTION  
NO. 00-11565 (NG)  
(Conslid. 82-3742)

Plaintiff,

v.

THE WRECKED AND ABANDONED STEAM VESSEL  
R.M.S. REPUBLIC, her tackle, apparel and cargo, etc.  
located within 2,000 yards of a point: Beginning at coordinates  
40 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds N. Latitude and 69 degrees  
46 minutes 00 seconds W. Longitude; more precisely Loran "C"  
coordinates 25138.1, 43453.2 through .6 and 14073.1, .2, *in rem*,

Defendant.

**Order Granting Plaintiff MVSHQ, Inc.'s Motion For Judgment *In Rem* Awarding  
Good and Legal Title In Regard to the Defendant Vessel R.M.S. REPUBLIC,  
including her tackle, apparel, appurtenances, and cargo, etc. to MVSHQ, Inc.**

UPON DUE CONSIDERATION of Plaintiff, MARTHA'S VINEYARD SCUBA HEADQUARTERS, INC.'s ("MVSHQ") supplemental motion filed August 5, 2011 by its attorneys, before this Court and all papers in connection therewith and in opposition thereto, if any, as well as the record of the hearing convened August 3, 2011 in regard to other related pending motions brought by Plaintiff that have also been considered by this Court, and for good cause shown:

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that

- (1) the Defendant Vessel R.M.S. REPUBLIC and all her tackle, apparel, appurtenances, and cargo, that also includes the personal effects of all others, such as officers, crew members and passengers, contained within the wreck site area at the coordinates previously pleaded herein, (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant Vessel and her

contents”), are declared by this Court to have been abandoned by their former owner(s) and all others with any proprietary interest to same, without further remedy or recourse available herein, excepting the specific cargo identified by paragraph (4) of the within Judgment *In Rem*;

- (2) Plaintiff MVSHQ has exercised dominion and control over the wreck of Defendant Vessel R.M.S. REPUBLIC and her contents so as to be afforded the relief it seeks in regard to the said Defendant as first finder and by its subsequent actions pertaining to same evidenced by the entire record herein;
- (3) Judgment *in rem* in favor of Plaintiff MVSHQ is hereby awarded good and legal title to the Defendant Vessel and her contents, which includes her tackle, apparel, appurtenances, and cargo, as well as the personal effects of all others, such as officers, crew members and passengers, contained within the wreck site area at the coordinates previously pleaded herein, as against the world; and
- (4) that the Court recognizes that the cargo of provisions claimed by the United States of America as identified in its Schedule A of its Amended Proof of Claim in the limitation proceeding of the S.S. FLORIDA and was included by Decree of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York filed June 11, 1912 in that action, have likely, in fact, perished 102 years after the foundering of the Defendant Vessel or will be without any positive economic value. The Court also notes that the United States of America has not filed claim in this action in regard to the aforesaid cargo of provisions, but to the extent that any remnants of such cargo exists Plaintiff finder MVSHQ is not awarded title to same herein and has no duty to preserve such cargo remnants, if any, for the identified owner.

Dated:

August 29, 2011

  
HON. NANCY GERTNER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE