



Service Corporation International Responds to Lawsuit Filed in Florida

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HOUSTON, Dec. 20 /PRNewswire/ -- Service Corporation International (NYSE: SRV), the world's largest funeral and cemetery company, today initially responded to media reports and to a lawsuit alleging improprieties at certain locations in the State of Florida. The lawsuit was filed yesterday, and the Company is reviewing the allegations made in the lawsuit as well as statements made in media reports. While the allegations were reported in the national media, the lawsuit is confined to alleged activities at two cemeteries and three funeral homes in Southern Florida which are components of the Company's global network of 3,851 funeral homes and cemeteries in 12 countries on four continents.

Commenting today on the lawsuit, SCI President and Chief Operating Officer, Jerald L. Pullins, said:

"The allegations made in the lawsuit and recent media reports are disturbing. These allegations are completely contrary to our policies and procedures as well as to the excellent performance record we have established. We are taking these allegations seriously and are conducting an internal investigation with all possible diligence.

"The respect and care of those we serve is the principal priority of our Company and its associates across our entire network of funeral homes and cemeteries. The performance of our professional duties is a sacred trust we strive to fulfill by adhering to the highest possible standards and ethics."

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As of September 30, 2001, the Company and its affiliates operated 3,188 funeral service locations, 485 cemeteries and 178 crematoria and provides funeral and cemetery services in 12 countries on four continents.

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