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## Carlisle's American Spirit Completes the Race Across the Atlantic in the World's Toughest Row



CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, February 11, 2016 – Carlisle Companies Incorporated's (NYSE:CSL) **Carlisle's American Spirit** completed the Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge on February 09, 2016. The race, known as The World's Toughest Row, launched from the Canary Islands, off the coast of Africa on December 20, 2015. **Carlisle's American Spirit** crossed the finish

line at English Harbor, Antigua with a time of 51 days, 8 hours and 32 minutes having covered 2,832 nautical miles across the Atlantic Ocean.

The race demands courage, stamina and extreme athleticism. What makes the **American Spirit's** accomplishment so incredible is that two members of the four-man crew, Nick Khan and Greg Wood, had to be evacuated at sea halfway through the race after encountering difficult medical situations. With every reason to terminate the effort, Captain Jason Caldwell and Tom Magarov chose instead to finish what they had begun as a *pair*. In an amazing demonstration of courage and determination, the two remaining crew members mounted a truly impressive comeback passing many competitors on the way to the finish some 40 days later. To add to their incredible feat, all the while they were rowing across the Atlantic they were raising funds for St. Jude's Hospital.

Skipper Jason commented on the race, "When Nick and Greg had to make the decision to leave it was pretty tough, but we knew we were always going to have to carry on. It's an incredible way to challenge yourself and, despite difficult days, there were countless highs to outweigh the lows."



Ben Duffy Photography

**Carlisle's American Spirit and Skipper Jason Caldwell and Tom Magarov cross the finish in Antigua in America's Toughest Row**

Carlisle's President and Chief Executive Officer, Chris Koch, commented on the race and the exemplary effort of the ***American Spirit's*** crew. "We could not be prouder of Jason and Tom and the incredible journey these two young men have taken against the elements, in a grueling test of courage and stamina. It is the best example Jason and Tom could have shown all of us in the meaning of 'finishing the race that was started' despite overwhelming odds. Jason and Tom have both become honorary members of the Carlisle Team, extending our global crew to a total of 12,002 people. We look forward to honoring their effort by following the example of "never quit" at Carlisle, and incorporating the many lessons learned from the crew's efforts into the leadership and development programs throughout Carlisle."

### **About Carlisle Companies Incorporated**

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