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## O'Melveny Supports ShelterBox USA for its Haitian Earthquake Disaster Program

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**LAKEWOOD RANCH, Fla., MARCH 8, 2010** – To aid earthquake survivors in Port au Prince, Haiti, ShelterBox USA announces the donation of US\$100,000 from O'Melveny & Myers LLP, one of the most elite law firms in the country with 14 offices worldwide.

Through this one donation, ShelterBox will immediately deploy 100 fully-equipped boxes to its ShelterBox Response Team in Haiti. Each iconic green ShelterBox contains elements not provided by any other relief organization: a disaster relief tent for up to 10 people, stove, blankets and water filtration system, among other things. To date, more than 10,000 boxes have been delivered to Haiti by ShelterBox.

“In seconds, many Haitian families lost everything they owned and worked for. Through this generous gift, we will be able to provide families with

items that are essential for survival,” states Veronica Brandon Miller, executive director, ShelterBox USA. “We can’t express our gratitude and appreciation enough for this gift.”

For O’Melveny & Myers, the donation evolved from its corporate values and principles of excellence, leadership, and citizenship.

“ShelterBox’s Haitian relief project and overall mission are in perfect alignment with the Firm’s longstanding commitment to community service and we are pleased to contribute to their important efforts,” said **Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr.**, Chair of O’Melveny & Myers.

Individual tax-deductible donations to ShelterBox USA can be made at [www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org) or via text message by sending SHELTER to 20222 for a one-time US\$10 donation. For information on corporate donations and contributions, please call Veronica Brandon Miller at 941-907-6036.

### **About ShelterBox**

Since its inception in 2000, ShelterBox ([www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org)) has provided shelter and dignity following over 100 disasters in more than 60 countries, bringing the organization to the forefront of international disaster relief. ShelterBox instantly responds to earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, tsunami or conflict by delivering boxes of aid. In many cases “ShelterBoxes” have made the difference between life and death.

Each “ShelterBox” supplies an extended family of up to 10 people with a tent and lifesaving equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless. The contents are tailored depending on the nature and location of the disaster, with great care taken sourcing every item to ensure it is robust enough to be of lasting value. Highly trained ShelterBox Response Teams distribute boxes on the ground, working closely with local organizations, international aid agencies and Rotary clubs worldwide.

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