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JEREMY WADE RETURNS TO ANIMAL PLANET IN ALL-NEW SERIES "JEREMY WADE'S MIGHTY RIVERS"

-Jeremy Travels the Globe Investigating the Disappearance of Freshwater Giants from the World's Most Iconic Rivers-

Nature's majestic freshwater giants are disappearing at an alarming rate. For extreme angler and biologist Jeremy Wade, known for investigating stories of monstrous and mysterious fish in Animal Planet's *River Monsters*, this is dramatic evidence that some of the world's most important rivers are in trouble. Jeremy investigates the gravity of the rivers' plight in an effort to document the damage in **JEREMY WADE'S MIGHTY RIVERS** which premieres in the U.S. on **Sunday**, **April 8**th at **9PM ET/PT**.

In this new, six-part series, Jeremy sets out to examine and explore some of the planet's largest waterways with the same immersive style that made *River Monsters* a global success. He'll be taking the pulse of the Amazon, the Ganges, the Yangtze, the Mississippi, the Danube, and the Zambezi to understand how exploitation and pollution are contributing to the ruin of rivers that were once the lifeblood of communities and home to his beloved monsters.

From bustling cities to remote jungles, Animal Planet audiences will travel with Jeremy around the globe as he meets the people who live alongside these majestic rivers, hearing their stories as he unearths the truth. Armed with astonishing new evidence, Jeremy will utilize his unparalleled knowledge and experience to gather what he can about the rivers health and sustainability. Together with the people that rely on these rivers, Jeremy will prove there is hope and every act big or small can make a significant contribution to improving the health of these rivers.

"Jeremy's passion and knowledge make him the perfect guide to take us on this journey exploring some of the world's largest and most exciting rivers. He sets out to answer some of the questions we are all asking about the health and hidden depths of our most important waterways. We are delighted to be working with him on such a timely and thought-provoking series", said Susanna Dinnage, Global President of Animal Planet.

"In just the last few human generations, the huge and outlandish predators that lurk in our rivers have all but disappeared. I want to find out why this is happening and what we can do about it — because we depend on water just as much as any fish. So, in these new journeys I'm not just fishing for monsters. I'm fishing for answers" said Jeremy Wade.

Harry Marshall, the Creative Director at Icon Films said "What scares Jeremy Wade are not monsters ... but a world when the monsters are all gone. River Monsters are the canaries of our great rivers. When they are sick, the earth is sick. This epic Animal Planet series takes Jeremy to whole other level and the fight to everyone's backyard as he checks the health of the great rivers on every continent and asks what we are doing to save our River Monsters – and to save our Planet. No pressure...."

JEREMY WADE'S MIGHTY RIVERS is produced for Animal Planet by Icon Films. For Icon Films, Harry Marshall and Stephen Gooder are executive producers. For Animal Planet, Lisa Lucas is executive producer.

About Animal Planet

Animal Planet, a multi-media business unit of Discovery Communications, is the network of hit franchise series and special programming dedicated to animals and the natural world that includes RIVER MONSTERS, DR. JEFF: ROCKY MOUNTAIN VET, PIT BULLS & PAROLEES, TANKED, TREEHOUSE MASTERS, THE VET LIFE and PUPPY BOWL, the largest non-sports TV event on Super Bowl Sunday. Animal Planet is the premiere TV, digital and social community for all things animal, providing immersive, engaging, high-quality content across all Animal Planet platforms including: *Animal Planet* television network, available in more than 90 million homes in the U.S., that is complemented with a deep *Video On Demand* offering; online assets www.animalplanet.com, the ultimate online destination for animal lovers and pet owners; the *Animal Planet Go* app that allows viewers to catch up on full episodes of their favorite shows anytime anywhere; *Animal Planet L!VE*, the go-to digital destination for round-the-clock, unfiltered access via live cameras around the globe in a variety of animal habitats; *Animal Planet Social* including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram via @AnimalPlanet and on Snapchat as AnimalPlanetTV.

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