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## ANIMAL PLANET PLUNGES INTO NEW SEASON OF THE WET, WILD AND WACKY WORLD OF AQUARIUM BUILDING IN "TANKED"

## -- Second Season Features Quirkier Characters, Bigger Builds and Drama Galore --

(March 8, 2012, Silver Spring, MD.) – Wayde King and Brett Raymer are back, and they are making outlandish dream tanks a reality for their fish-loving clients in a 20-episode, brand-new season of **TANKED**, premiering on Animal Planet **Saturday**, **April 14**, at 9 **PM** (**ET/PT**). This dynamic duo goes above and beyond to fulfill their clients' requests, often putting themselves into some amusing situations to get the job done. For one extraordinary aquarium, Wayde and Brett reluctantly attend a yoga class to get ideas on how to create a serene atmosphere. After initially thinking yoga "isn't real exercise," they learn just how hard it is as they work up a sweat, struggle with poses and constantly fail in limbering their minds and bodies to spark their creativity.

This season the comical antics continue thanks to many of Brett's big ideas and his inability to resist blurting them out before consulting Wayde. The guys must wade into the deep end to come up with creative solutions for some of the most outrageous and challenging builds they've ever tackled. Some of the incredible tank builds that put Wayde, Brett and their crew to the test includes the following:

- A jellyfish tank for a sub-freezing bar at the Monte Carlo
- A working pinball machine tank
- A 650 gallon headboard tank
- A mobile school bus tank
- A giant nail polish bottle/hand dryer fish tank for a manicure salon
- A refrigerator tank with a functional water dispenser
- A tank in that incorporates the KISS band logo
- A shark tank for the home of actor and comedian Tracy Morgan along with builds for other celebrities and notable personalities

"We've had our share of crazy requests over the years, but some of the tanks we are building this season are really beyond anything we've done before, which is really exciting for us," says Wayde King, CEO, Acrylic Tank Manufacturing. "The sheer size and complexity of some of these tanks is mind-boggling and when we reveal them to the clients and to the audience, I think they will be astonished at what we've created."

Although consummate jokesters, for Wayde and Brett working in the raucous world of aquarium building isn't all fun and games. Between managing demanding clients, meeting tight deadlines and experiencing the intricacy of the builds and the drama that comes with running a family business, Wayde and Brett have their work cut out for them. Plus for this twosome, being business partners, brothers-in-law, best friends and constant rivals add to the hilarity and hijinks that often ensues. Truly a family affair, they are joined by Heather, Wayde's wife and Brett's sister; Brett and Heather's father, Irwin known as "The General"; along with Robbie "Redneck," Agnes and a crafty team of designers, engineers, installers, cleaners and builders – creating one big, bold and dysfunctional family.

As co-owners of Las Vegas-based Acrylic Tank Manufacturing (ATM), one of the country's leading and most successful builders of aquariums and two of Sin City's most imaginative businessmen, Wayde and Brett are tasked with building some of the biggest and most awe-inspiring tanks and aquariums for top celebrities, luxury hotels, Fortune 500 businesses, private homes and millionaire homeowners. These enormous and ingeniously designed tanks are filled with amazing aquatic wildlife from around the world. Not only do Wayde and Brett build tanks in Las Vegas, the team's clients are all across the country. Wayde and Brett create and install complex tanks at an array of locations including a nail salon, a miniature golf course, furniture and appliance stores, offices, hotels, casinos, colleges and universities, and bars and restaurants. ATM takes on more than 200 projects every year with tanks ranging from 50 to 50,000 gallons in size. They build tanks for celebrities, businesses and average Joes, and their aquariums and their businesses are filled with the most exotic, unusual, colorful and dangerous fish in the world.

**TANKED** is produced for Animal Planet by Nancy Glass Productions. Nancy Glass, Eric Neuhaus and Dean Slotar are the executive producers for Nancy Glass Productions, and Melinda Toporoff is the executive producer for Animal Planet. **TANKED** was developed by Animal Planet's Charlie Foley.

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