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**LEGOLAND® CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCES**  
**2006 PIRATE SHORES EXPANSION**  
***Family theme park wants guests....to be pirates!***

**CARLSBAD, Calif. (Jan. 19, 2006)** – LEGOLAND® California plans to open a seventh block of attractions by summer 2006. Pirate Shores marks the largest expansion since the Park opened in 1999 with four all-new water-based attractions.

The exciting area includes four all-new water attractions designed around the ever-popular pirate theme. The cornerstone of the new area is the water-play ride Splash Battle, the only attraction of its kind in North America. Splash Battle features pirate ships that give children and their families the chance to cruise through pirate-infested waters equipped with their very own water cannons.

Each pirate-ship vehicle can carry four passengers on an exciting high-seas adventure through twists, turns and magnificent scenes including exploding volcanoes, roving bands of pirates and a scary sail-through skull. Riders taking this voyage are destined to get wet as both they and the spectators are armed to the teeth with water cannons to take their best watery shot at one another.

Treasure Falls introduces young guests to a traditional mini-flume log ride. Even pirates need a vacation and this water attraction allows guests to see how hard-working buccaneers spend their leisure time. Each log-shaped ride vehicle transports two adults and two children through a swashbuckling adventure featuring two daring drops. Riders will plunge nearly 12 feet past pirates relaxing in a thermal spa or lounging in their beach chairs amidst a tropical jungle.

Pirate Shores includes two new play areas where guests can soak up some fun playing in and with water. Swabbies Deck is designed for younger guests with pop-up water jets, water fountains, and squirt cannons. Soak-N-Sail takes water play to a new level with gallons of water coursing through more than 60 interactive features. The play structure is modeled after a shipwrecked pirate vessel with a mast measuring 38 feet tall. Soak-N-Sail's central feature is a giant bucket poised to pour more than 300 gallons of water on eager guests.

Throughout Pirate Shores, detailed LEGO® models abound including a lively pirate band providing festive sea shanties, a group of renegade mice raiding provisions and a spectacular sinking galleon. Guests can test their mettle at games that challenge their pirating skills. The message to guests is "LEGOLAND California wants you... to be a pirate!" Also new at LEGOLAND in 2006 is the premiere of a new 4-D movie titled "Spellbreaker".

LEGOLAND® California is a 128-acre interactive theme park dedicated to families with children between the ages of two and 12. Just like with LEGO® play materials, kids are the ones who create the action at the Park. They drive, pedal, squirt, climb, jump, stomp, slide, steer, pull, click, push, gallop, laugh, build and program their way through more than 50 rides, shows and attractions. There are three other LEGOLAND Parks in the world – LEGOLAND Billund in Denmark, LEGOLAND Windsor outside of London and LEGOLAND Deutschland near Günzburg, Germany. The LEGOLAND theme parks are a part of Merlin Entertainments Group. For the most current information, log on to or call (760) 918-LEGO.

