

**NEWS RELEASE:**

# **ATL Supplies Critical Fuel Transport Bladders for Historic South Pole Traverse Project**

Aero Tec Laboratories, Inc. (ATL) of Ramsey, NJ USA recently produced two **2,000 gallon Fuel Transport Bladders** for a unique and historic mission: **Traversing the South Pole**.

The mission of the **South Pole Traverse Project** demonstrated that an overland snow route between McMurdo Station and the South Pole was feasible. Four years in the planning, this historic, first-ever South Pole Traverse covered 1,660 kilometers of barren Antarctic landscape and took 43 days to complete.

Project Leader John Wright of Colorado conceived the sled hauling idea for these 2,000 gallon ATL Petro-Flex Bladders. 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel was sufficient to get John's eight-member crew and their vehicle fleet, weighing 930,000 lbs., to the South Pole and back. Their cargo was equivalent to the mass carried by eleven LC-130 cargo planes!

ATL's bladders were secured to two polymer sleds via "socks" made of cargo nets. A tired but proud John Wright reported, "I was thrilled to find a commercially available Fuel Transport Bladder with dimensions that rather exactly fit our needs."

ATL produces **Fuel Transport Bladders** in many standard and custom sizes for use on commercial and military flat-beds, trailers, trucks, and marine vessels.

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