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NASA to Preview Final Scheduled Flight of Space Shuttle Atlantis

HOUSTON -- NASA will preview the next space shuttle mission, the final scheduled flight of space shuttle Atlantis, during a series of news briefings Monday, May 3, at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. NASA Television and the agency's Web site will broadcast the briefings live. Reporters will be able to ask questions from participating NASA locations.

Atlantis is targeted to launch May 14 on the STS-132 mission to the International Space Station. The shuttle will deliver the Russian-built Mini Research Module, also known as the Rassvet module, which means "dawn" in Russian, to the station. The flight also will deliver critical spare parts and cargo. Three spacewalks are planned during the 12-day

mission. Following STS-132, two more shuttle flights remain scheduled.

Ken Ham will command Atlantis. Tony Antonelli is the pilot. They will be joined by Mission Specialists Steve Bowen, Michael Good, Garrett Reisman and Piers Sellers.

The schedule of briefings includes (all times CDT):

8 a.m. -- Program Overview

9:30 a.m. -- STS-132 Mission Overview

12:30 p.m. -- STS-132 Spacewalk Overview

1 p.m. -- STS-132 Crew News Conference

The crew will be available for interviews at Johnson by phone or in person after the briefings. Reporters must contact Gayle Frere at 281-483-8645 by April 26 to reserve an interview opportunity. Reporters planning to attend the briefings in Houston must contact the Johnson newsroom at 281-483-5111 by 5 p.m. CDT on April 26 for credentials.

For NASA TV downlink information, schedules and links to streaming video, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/ntv>

For the latest information about the STS-132 mission and its crew, visit:

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For more information about the space station and its crew, visit:

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