Photos and video caption to accompany press release:

**Blue whales return to South Georgia after near extinction**

**Photos**

BlueWhaleSouthGeorgia1 – An Antarctic blue whale surfaces off South Georgia. Photo: Russell Leaper

BlueWhaleSouthGeorgia2 - An Antarctic blue whale surfaces off South Georgia. Photo: Russell Leaper

BlueWhaleSouthGeorgia3 - An Antarctic blue whale surfaces off South Georgia. Photo: Amy Kennedy

BlueWhaleSouthGeorgia4 - An Antarctic blue whale surfaces off South Georgia. Photo: Amy Kennedy

BlueWhaleSouthGeorgia5 - An Antarctic blue whale surfaces off South Georgia. Photo: Russell Leaper

**Video**

**Aerial view of a blue whale swimming off the sub-Antarctic island of South Georgia. Credit:** John Dickens/BAS