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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: December 23 – 29, 2008



1. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Pacific Ocean.</u> Below average sea surface temperatures (SST) and enhanced upper level convergence is expected to contribute to dry conditions in this area. **Confidence: High**

2. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for central South America.</u> Persistent high pressure in this region is expected to contribute to dry conditions. Confidence: High

3. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for eastern parts of Brazil.</u> Interaction with the extratropical circulation is expected to produce wet conditions in this area. **Confidence: Moderate**

4. <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for the western Indian Ocean.</u> Remnant frontal boundaries, favorable upper-level conditions and aboveaverage sea surface temperatures (SSTs) support an increased threat for development in this region. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>

5. <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for waters north of Australia.</u> Enhanced convection, above-average SSTs and low vertical wind shear increases the threat for tropical cyclone development during the period. Numerical guidance also indicates potential development in this region. Confidence: High

6. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for Indonesia and northern Australia.</u> Persistent low-level convergence, above-average SSTs and the continued onset of the northwest Australian monsoon are expected to contribute to enhanced rainfall in this region. Confidence: High

** ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:

Southern Indian Ocean: Tropical Cyclone Billy (16.3S, 123.4E) → Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center

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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: December 30, 2008 – January 5, 2009



1. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central South America.</u> Persistent high pressure in this region is expected to contribute to dry conditions. Confidence: Moderate

2. <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for the western Indian Ocean.</u> Favorable upper-level conditions and above-average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) support an increased threat for development in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

3. <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for waters north of Australia.</u> Enhanced convection, above-average SSTs and low vertical wind shear increases the threat for tropical cyclone development during the period. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>

4. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for Indonesia, northern Australia and portions of the South Pacific Convergence Zone

(SPCZ). Persistent low-level convergence, above-average SSTs and the continued onset of the northwest Australian monsoon are expected to contribute to enhanced rainfall in this region. Confidence: High

5. <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for waters near the Philippines.</u> Enhanced convection, above-average SSTs and low vertical wind shear increases the threat for tropical cyclone development during the period. Numerical guidance also indicates potential development in this region **Confidence: Moderate**

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