



## **SeaZone wins over central government**

Hampshire, UK, 02 July 2009 – More than a dozen UK government departments and organisations have renewed licences to continue receiving the latest marine mapping from SeaZone, the market leader for marine geographic information data, software and services. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), English Heritage, Natural England, Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), Scottish Environment Protection Agency and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency are amongst those benefiting from SeaZone data products in the implementation of their marine management, development and protection responsibilities.

SeaZone continues to promote the adoption of Central Government collective agreements to provide easier management, better co-ordination and cost savings to Government, with the Welsh Assembly Government, Countryside Council for Wales and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales the first to benefit from this approach.

"We are extremely pleased to have signed our first collective agreement with government departments and organisations in Wales and are working towards a number of similar agreements in Scotland and Northern Ireland," commented Mike Osborne, Managing Director and Founder of SeaZone. "It is also encouraging to note that individual organisations are increasing their use of our solutions with, for example, the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs showing a 50% increase in users compared with last year."

One user of SeaZone's marine geographic information data is English Heritage, the government's statutory advisor on the historic environment. Their AMIE (Archives and Monuments in England) database contains tens of thousands of maritime records and SeaZone data has proved invaluable in compiling, updating and managing these records, allowing them to provide enhanced information to their partners and customers.

"English Heritage's remit for the protection, promotion and understanding of England's historic environment extends out to the twelve mile territorial limit. We have made SeaZone HydroSpatial data available to staff through our intranet and desktop GIS systems to provide context to our marine planning and designation work," commented David Gander, webGIS Manager for English Heritage.

SeaZone has developed a range of marine geographic information data, software and services. Easy to use, fit for purpose geographic datasets include detailed water depth information, scanned and geocoded Admiralty Charts and the only truly authoritative digital marine map – SeaZone HydroSpatial. SeaZone has also developed next generation software to manage and present survey and environmental monitoring data and provide desktop access to the world standard in tidal prediction methodology. To complement its data and software portfolio SeaZone can also provide application specific product and Geographical Information System training, data manipulation and analysis and software development.

## About SeaZone:

SeaZone is a world leader in the field of marine geographic information solutions, including its innovative data product, SeaZone HydroSpatial, the first 'off the shelf' authoritative digital marine map.

SeaZone's knowledge of marine science, data acquisition and use, with expertise in geographic information systems (GIS) and data management, provides customers with innovative solutions that address their data access, processing and management needs.

Over 700 organisations across the oil and gas, renewable energy, conservation and public sectors use SeaZone data, software and services to help support decision making in the Marine Environment and Coastal Zone.

The company, SeaZone Solutions Limited, is wholly owned by Admiralty Holdings Ltd (AHL), which is owned by the UK Secretary of State for Defence and operated on his behalf by the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO).

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