



## **SeaZone Mapping Helps Metoc Visualise Offshore Energy Projects**

Hampshire, UK, 24 August 2009 – Metoc, one of UK’s leading Environmental Engineering companies, has selected detailed marine mapping from SeaZone to support the planning, delivery and management of projects across the UK. The company has recently been selected to monitor and report on the installation of the world’s largest offshore wind farm and been appointed to provide expert advice on a potential alternative to the Severn Barrage. These projects, plus many others around the UK, will benefit from the use of SeaZone’s marine geographic information data.

“Using SeaZone data gives us confidence in our studies of the marine and coastal environments and the resulting interpretations and decisions,” commented Harshal Galgale, a key member of the Modelling and Optimisation team at Metoc. “The data is provided in a format compatible with our Geographic Information System making it easy to use for visualisation purposes along with the other data we collect.”

Metoc helps industry and government to develop resources based on sound financial, environmental, and engineering decisions that reduce risks and costs. They work as advisors and project managers on major infrastructure projects, such as the construction of the £1.3 billion Greater Gabbard offshore wind farm, and provide expert advice to organisations such as the Severn Tidal Fence Consortium, Anglian Water, Financial Consortia and Government. Metoc are also involved in the production of Marine Spatial Plans, due diligence and research projects.

“SeaZone is one of our major providers of data and the solutions they provide underpin the planning, delivery and management of nationally important projects,” concluded Galgale.

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, SeaZone GeoTemporal Editor, to manage and present survey and environmental monitoring data and provide desktop access to the world standard in tidal prediction methodology.

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## **Notes to Editors:**

**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 500 organisations across the oil and gas, renewable energy, conservation and public sector 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).

**Metoc** helps industry and Government to develop resources based on a full understanding of financial, environmental, and engineering issues, to reduce risks and costs and so maximise the return on investment.

Metoc has 25 years experience in working worldwide as advisers and project managers on infrastructure projects in the marine, coastal and river environments. This has ensured a detailed understanding of clients' needs and the crucial interface: where engineering meets the environment. Capabilities in consent delivery and engineering support, combined with high-level project management experience, enable Metoc to prevent costly dislocation throughout a project's life-cycle.