



Blue Ocean Wireless appoints CEO

Robert Johnson joins Blue Ocean Wireless from Inmarsat plc

Dublin & London, 18 May 2007: Blue Ocean Wireless, an Irish company focused on delivering GSM communication capability for the merchant maritime sector, today announced the appointment of Mr Robert Johnson as CEO. Robert joins Blue Ocean Wireless from Inmarsat plc, the leading global satellite communications service provider, where he was Director of Maritime & Aeronautical Services.

Robert Johnson led the Maritime and more recently the Aeronautical team at Inmarsat plc for nine years where he was responsible for the development of the company's maritime and aeronautical global satellite commercial communication business. Established in 1979, Inmarsat is the world leader in providing reliable voice and high-speed data communications to governments, enterprises and other organisations, with a range of services that can be used at sea, on land or in the air. The company's services are delivered through a network of 10 satellites and a global network of over 500 partners, including most of the world's leading telecoms groups, operating in 180 countries.

Prior to joining Inmarsat, Robert spent fourteen years in the commercial maritime sector at Racal-Decca Marine, now part of Sperry Marine, the leading international electronics and systems group, where he was responsible for product development of radar and other electronic navigational aids. He previously spent thirteen years at sea as a Deck Officer with Shell Tankers. Robert Johnson is a qualified Master Mariner and was recently honoured with The Livery of The Honourable Company of Master Mariners by HRH The Princess Anne.

Blue Ocean Wireless

Blue Ocean Wireless will, together with Inmarsat, a leading Inmarsat LESO partner and a leading GSM network operator, provide a dedicated global GSM service for crew members of merchant ships. For the first time, Blue Ocean Wireless will enable seafarers to use their existing mobile phones on board vessels in deep ocean water. Users of the service will be able to make and receive voice calls and send and receive SMS text messages using their existing handsets. Blue Ocean Wireless will also enable ship owners, insurers and Government authorities, as well as suppliers and customers, to track and monitor individual containers on board merchant vessels as they traverse the globe using a combination of GPRS and RFID technology.

Domhnal Slattery, Chairman of Blue Ocean Wireless commented "We are delighted to announce the appointment of Robert Johnson as CEO of Blue Ocean Wireless. Robert's knowledge of the global maritime and aeronautical communications business and his experience working with the world's leading shipping and telecoms companies will be invaluable to Blue Ocean Wireless. Robert will now bring to market the Blue Ocean Wireless GSM crew calling and container monitoring proposition."

Robert Johnson, incoming Blue Ocean Wireless CEO, added "I am delighted to be joining Domhnal and the team at Blue Ocean Wireless. We have a very exciting proposition which will revolutionise communication for crews of merchant maritime ships."

He added "Having spent 13 years as a Deck Officer, I can relate to the need for accessible, reliable and affordable communication while at sea. Blue Ocean Wireless will, for the first time, provide seafarers with voice and SMS text message capability which will have a significant positive impact on their welfare. This will, in turn, benefit merchant maritime companies and the ability to manage and enhance the well-being of their employees."

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About Blue Ocean Wireless

Blue Ocean Wireless is an Irish company focused on expanding communication capability in the merchant maritime sector. Blue Ocean Wireless provides, for the first time, GSM connectivity for seafarers in deep ocean water, where no other network exists. This allows users to make and receive voice calls, send and receive SMS text messages and, in time, browse the internet using their existing handsets. Blue Ocean Wireless' offering is based on Altobridge's unique '*Aeronautical & Maritime Gateway Platform*' technology. This technology can also be used, in conjunction with RFID technology, to track and monitor shipping containers while they are in transit at sea.

About Claret Capital

Claret Capital, founded by Domhnal Slattery in 2005, is a private investment firm based in Dublin, Ireland. Claret Capital manages the assets of a small number of ultra high net worth individuals and families and has a global investment mandate. The firm has completed investments in the Private Equity, Real Estate, Media and Technology sectors. Claret Capital has also founded a number of new ventures including JetBird, Europe's first low cost on demand private jet airline. JetBird has ordered 100 aircraft from Embraer and is the launch customer in Europe for the Phenom 100 very light jet.

About Altobridge

Altobridge is focused on delivering cost effective communications for remote communities including rural villages, seafarers, airline travellers and the world's military, navy and coastguard. Altobridge's technology has also been licensed by AeroMobile, a joint venture between Telenor and ARINC to provide the world's first operational on-board aircraft mobile phone system.

About Inmarsat

Inmarsat plc (LSE: ISAT) is the leading provider of global mobile satellite communications. Since 1979, Inmarsat has been providing reliable voice and high-speed data communications to governments, enterprises and other organisations, with a range of services that can be used on land, at sea or in the air. The company's services are delivered through a global network of over 500 partners, including the world's leading telecoms groups, operating in 180 countries. For the year ended 31 December 2006, Inmarsat plc had total revenue of US\$500.1 million.