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## Stratos and Blue Ocean Wireless sign agreement

Irish maritime GSM provider Blue Ocean Wireless has reached an agreement to partner with Stratos Global Corporation to provide Inmarsat satellite services to the Blue Ocean's merchant maritime customers on a non-exclusive basis.

The agreement follows successful trials of the Blue Ocean Wireless (BOW) offering on board two container vessels conducted in late 2006 by Blue Ocean Wireless, Stratos and Inmarsat.

Under the partnership arrangement, Stratos will host Blue Ocean Wireless equipment at each of its Land Earth Stations (LES) and provide terrestrial connectivity to GSM operators for BOW via its StratosNexus network.

As well as Inmarsat and Stratos, BOW also partners with a GSM network operator to provide its merchant maritime cell phone service, though the company has not revealed the name of this company at this time.