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1.a) CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND NEXT ISSUE OF OCEANBUZZ

The staff at Oceanbuzz / Intelligent Exhibitions Ltd. would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming Ocean Business event at the end of March.

To give us time to gather new stories, the next issue of Oceanbuzz will be sent out on Tuesday 13th January 2009. Don't forget to send us your stories to info@intelligentexhibitions.com

2. GENERAL OCEAN NEWS

2.a) 100TH ICE PROFILER SOLD!

ASL Environmental Sciences of Sidney, BC, Canada has shipped two Ice Profilers™ to ConocoPhillips in early August 2008, bringing the total number of Ice Profilers sold to 100!

Since the late 1990's when ASL, in collaboration with the Institute of Ocean Sciences, first introduced this advanced upward looking sonar (ULS), the demand for high resolution measurements of sea ice thickness and the detailed under-ice topography of sea ice has increased enormously.

Ice research programs have expanded considerably, driven by the major changes in the ice regime of the Arctic Ocean and other areas. Offshore oil and gas companies are increasingly embarking on exploration and production activities in ice-prone areas like the Arctic Ocean, around Sakhalin Island, the Caspian Sea and the east coast of Canada. The Ice Profiler™ provides ice thickness and drafts that are required to understand the ice pack changes in the Arctic Ocean and elsewhere - changes which are not well understood through existing predictions and models.

For more information see www.aslenv.com

2.b) OCEANSCAN'S X-TYPE SUCCESS STORY CONTINUES IN ASIA

After successfully implementing and completing the first phase of an X-TYPE Harbour Surveillance Programme for a Chinese company in Dalian, China in 2007, OceanScan Limited has recently signed a major contract for the second stage of the project and is also in talks for a possible third phase contract being awarded early in 2009. This follows on from the company's success in South-East Asia in 2006 making OceanScan Limited the main European supplier of underwater security systems to China.

With the China contract going ahead and two other project awards pending, OceanScan is delighted that their vision and investment to promote harbour security around the world is firmly becoming a reality. Manel Monteiro, OceanScan's Sales and Marketing Director, stated that "OceanScan has invested heavily in its own in-house Research and Development Team over the past 4 years. The R & D team has been working tirelessly to develop sonar technologies resulting in the best Underwater Intruder Detection Systems (UWIDS) available on the market today. As in any company, if you surround yourself with the best technical people, the chances are the resultant products will be the best." OceanScan is currently working hard to secure two major contracts in other areas around the world, with strong possibilities of these contracts being awarded early in 2009. In a world where, unfortunately, underwater threats are a reality, it is good to know that technology is at hand to protect lives and assets wherever those threats may occur.

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3. EVENT, TRAINING & DEMONSTRATION NEWS

3.a) HYPACK 2009, JANUARY 12-14, SAN DIEGO, CA, USA

The HYPACK® 2009 Training Conference will be held January 12 - 14, 2009 at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina in San Diego, CA overlooking the San Diego Bay.

The 3-day training will cover all the aspects of single beam and multibeam hydrographic surveying and dredge management using our HYPACK, HYSWEEP and DREDGEPACK packages. Some of the new features that will be demonstrated in HYPACK 2009 are export to Google Earth, Improved OpenGL

graphics, new sonar interfaces, New SURVEY window, and new ADCP logging and processing capabilities.

34 exhibitors from software/hardware manufacturers, equipment resellers and service providers will be on hand in the exhibit hall or performing on-the-water demonstrations. There is no additional charge to attend the exhibits hosted by many of the leading manufacturers of hydrographic equipment.

To see the organizations who are currently signed up to exhibit at HYPACK 2009, please visit <http://www.hypack.com/hypack/2009/floorplan.aspx>.

For further information on the event please visit <http://www.hypack.com/hypack/2009/>.