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PRESS RELEASE

SingTel and MCP form alliance to offer a complete wireless communications portfolio to the maritime industry.

Arendal/Singapore 24th September, 2008: The convergence of V-Sat technology and GSM takes a significant step forward as SingTel and MCP announce an alliance based on shared vision for unified communications. The alliance will allow both companies to drive new growth opportunities and has the potential to ultimately transform maritime communications, reducing costs and complexity and improving the seafarers' connection to the world.

By forming an alliance agreement with SingTel, Asia's leading satellite service provider with seamless coverage over all major shipping routes worldwide, MCP aims to reach an even larger client base and quickly build a large volume of GSM deliveries to the maritime sector.

"Together with SingTel, we will make a strong value proposition to the entire maritime industry, able to provide superior GSM communication capability for passengers and crews all over the world," says Rayner Brondrup, SVP sales and marketing.

"SingTel is pleased to work with MCP to offer GSM communications at sea. This is part of our Office@Sea suite of global maritime solutions, which allows the ship to become a seamless and secure extension of the shore-based office. The solution improves the productivity of

maritime companies, providing them with a vital competitive edge," said Mr Titus Yong, SingTel's Vice President for Satellite.

GSM coverage at sea is now being seen as an indispensable communications technology. And personal mobile telephones will increasingly become the staple for future communications among seafarers.

"There is a growing demand for advanced mobile and fixed-site remote communications solutions for users operating beyond the reach of traditional networks. More than 90% of all global passengers and crew have mobile telephones. The MCP CellAtSea™ system provides an all-in-one GSM and Wi-Fi communication solution entirely separate from the vessel or platform's business communications," said Brondrup.

Technology

CellAtSea™ employs satellite technology on the access network, combined with a conventional radio network onboard. Ship calls are transferred to the Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN) via satellite, linking the vessel with terrestrial networks.

CellAtSea™ hardware consists of a main rack comprising leading-edge Ericsson (GSM) and UTStarcom (CDMA) cellular equipment, a control system, interface to satellite system and distributed antenna system to radio hubs and antennas. MCP delivers turn key installations ensuring timely high quality deliveries, enabling first class services from day one.

About SingTel:

SingTel is Asia's leading communications group with operations and investments in 19 countries and territories around the world.

SingTel employs more than 20,000 people worldwide and had a turnover of S\$14.84 billion (US\$10.05 billion) and net profit after tax of S\$3.96 billion (US\$2.68 billion) for the year ended 31 March 2008. More information can be found @ www.singtel.com and www.optus.com.au.

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About Maritime Communications Partner AS:

MCP is the leading global onboard communications partner focused on providing cost effective GSM and CDMA communications solutions specially created to fulfill the requirements of the shipping industry. MCP enables mobile phone coverage by installing and operating the ship-borne radio networks, linking the vessels with public networks via satellite. MCP operates its mobile services via roaming agreements with mobile operators throughout the world.

Through a partnership with MCP, the ship-owners benefit by providing a service in demand to their passengers, thus enhancing their own competitiveness. MCP works in close cooperation with customers, providing unique solutions to the industry.

MCP is a fully recognised international mobile operator which handles all legal and regulatory challenges that might be associated with the unique technology and service solutions that it provides to its customers.

MCP is fully owned by Telenor ASA.

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