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SMYRIL LINE SIGNS CONTRACT WITH MCP FOR GSM SERVICES ONBOARD MS NORRÖNA

Grimstad/ Tórshavn, 1st of June 2005: A contract has been signed between Smyril Line and Maritime Communications Partner AS (MCP) for provisioning of GSM services onboard the Smyril Line ferry. The service is introduced onboard MS Norröna (the Hanstholm – Torshavn – Lerwick – Bergen – Lerwick – Torshavn – Seydisfjörður – Torshavn – Lerwick route).

The onboard GSM service enables passengers and crew to place and receive calls and SMS using their own mobile phones and phone numbers while in open waters, and even within some national waters. MCP provides the mobile services via roaming agreements between MCP and the passengers' home operators.

MCP is focusing on the 'last frontiers' in mobile communications, and provides seamless connectivity via personal mobile phones to both passengers and crew onboard cruise-ships, ferries and other vessels around the world.

MCP combines unique technology and service solutions with a fully recognised international operatorship, handling all legal and regulatory challenges. Through partnership with MCP, the ship-owners benefit through providing a service in demand to their passengers, and thus enhancing their own competitiveness.

For the passengers, the mobile services are transparent, readily available on their own personal mobile phone, and will operate seamlessly through MCP's network in the same way as when travelling abroad. MCP tariffs all calls, and handles the revenue flow generated by the networks, through industry standard billing and accounting. The customers are charged by their home operator by normal invoicing routines.

Smyril Line looks forward to provide this service to our passengers in the North Atlantic, as well as having a prosperous cooperation with MCP, says Jógvan í Dávastovu, Shore - Ship Support Manager

About Maritime Communications Partner AS:

MCP is the global maritime cellular operator focused on providing cost effective GSM and CDMA communications solutions specially created to fulfill the requirements of the shipping industry. MCP provides seamless connectivity via personal mobile phones to both passengers and crew onboard cruise-ships, ferries and other vessels around the world. MCP enables cell phone coverage by installing and operating the shipborne radio networks, linking the vessels with public networks via satellite. MCP operates its mobile services via roaming agreements with cellular operators throughout the world. The customers are charged by their home operator using their normal billing routines.

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

Through partnership with MCP, the ship-owners benefit from being provided with a service that enhances the passenger and crew experience whilst onboard.

MCP's main share holders are Telenor ASA , Northzone Ventures IV KS and Ugland Invest Ltd.

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