



## *Press Release*

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### **MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS PARTNER AS LAUNCHES GSM ROAMING on CRUISE SHIPS & FERRIES with CIBERNET'S One1Clear™ SOLUTION.**

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Cibernet, the world's leading financial clearing house for mobile operators, today announced at the 3GSM Congress in Cannes, France, its first new client to select One1Clear™, Cibernet's new financial clearing and settlement solution.

Maritime Communications Partner AS (MCP), one of the newest and most innovative GSM operators in the world is leading the initiative to deliver GSM roaming services to maritime transport. MCP is enabling GSM subscribers aboard cruise ships and ferry's to roam with their handsets whilst at sea.

Operating as an independent GSM operator and working closely with over 100 roaming partners, MCP is a pioneer in expanding GSM capability. By increasing the portability of GSM handsets, MCP allows callers to stay in touch with family and business more cost effectively whilst allowing the cruise ships and ferries to provide an even better service to their customers.

Ian McWilliams, Managing Director of Cibernet in London commented, "We are delighted to be working with MCP to deliver financial clearing and settlement services based on our new One1Clear™ solution. MCP is extending GSM coverage delivering a very innovative solution for their clients. MCP's approach reflects the Cibernet strategy of delivering innovative technology services like Cibernet One1Clear™, to our clients".

Arne Baardsen, CFO for MCP based in Norway said, "After carefully reviewing the market we are very happy with Cibernet as our choice to deliver financial clearing and settlement services. They have a long history in the market and are clearly still innovating with their new One1Clear™ solution, which we believe is leading edge and will offer MCP the best services available".

Cibernet One1Clear™ is a new and unique approach to the increasingly complex task of delivering roaming revenues faster to the bottom line of the world's mobile operators. One1Clear™ delivers a unique technology solution, which for the first time integrates financial and data clearing in a single platform.

#### **ABOUT CIBERNET**

Cibernet's core activity is to help its clients manage the complex process of clearing and settlement of roaming revenues between the client and its roaming partners for voice, SMS, MMS and Wi-Fi services. With Cibernet's help, mobile operators can deliver roaming revenues to their bottom line faster, more efficiently and more cost effectively.

Over 300 mobile operators around the world use Cibernet's financial clearing and settlement services, covering GSM, 3G and CDMA networks. Cibernet also provides GSM data clearing services to over 30 customers from its Indian Operation. Cibernet is headquartered in Bethesda,



Maryland, U.S., with newly created Cibernet Labs research & development located in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, U.S., and regional offices in London, Hyderabad and Rio de Janeiro. Cibernet also holds the intellectual property for the CIBER record, which is the industry standard billing record for the CDMA/TDMA market.

For further information about Cibernet, or more details on this release, enquiries should be directed to Nathalie Lescalier, Marketing Director at Cibernet: [nlescalier@cibernet.com](mailto:nlescalier@cibernet.com), Tel: +44 207 959 8000.

#### **ABOUT MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS PARTNER AS**

Maritime Communications Partner AS (MCP) is the global maritime cellular operator focused on providing cost effective GSM and CDMA communications solutions, specially created to fulfil the requirements of the shipping industry. MCP provides seamless connectivity via personal mobile phones to passengers and crew onboard cruise ships, ferries and other vessels around the world. MCP enables cell 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 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's experience whilst onboard.

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

For more information about MCP, please visit our website [www.mcpinc.biz](http://www.mcpinc.biz)

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