



## OFFSHORE WORKBOAT OPERATORS CHOOSE MOBILARM FOR ENHANCED CREW SAFETY

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*Offshore Europe 2009, 8-11 September, stand 1185* – Two industry leading Australian workboat operators, Bhagwan Marine and Neptune Marine have recently placed multiple vessel orders for the supply of Mobilarm's revolutionary new crew safety solutions for offshore applications. The Mobilarm V100 Digital PLB and Mobilarm Crewsafe, both of which can be found on the Mobilarm stand at Offshore Europe 2009, are designed using innovative technology to provide enhanced personal safety in the event of a man overboard incident and in the case of Crewsafe, a scalable safety and security platform with 24/7 crew monitoring.

"Crew safety is critical in all maritime industries but these latest orders reflect the fact that offshore oil and gas is one of the primary segments that may benefit from improved man overboard alerting and location, and continuous crew monitoring," comments Mobilarm CEO, Lindsay Lyon. "We're pleased to be able to announce the deliveries to Bhagwan and Neptune at Offshore Europe, especially as this is the first time that we have shown both V100 and Crewsafe to the North Sea offshore industry."

Bhagwan Marine, an operator that is publicly committed to the safety of the crew aboard its workboats operating in the Western Australia offshore oil and gas sector has commenced installation of Crewsafe on three vessels and will continue a fleet-wide rollout. It was chosen primarily to provide an extra level of safety during machinery and crew transfers and because it fulfils the strict industry safety standards within the offshore oil and gas industry.

Neptune Marine Services, a leading international provider of integrated engineered solutions to the oil and gas industry has chosen Crewsafe and the Mobilarm V100 Digital PLB for use aboard a ROV support vessel with 25 crew and an anchor handling, towing and supply (AHTS) vessel with a crew of 35. Installation of Crewsafe is currently underway with completion expected November 2009 depending on availability of the vessels. The Mobilarm V100 was chosen in addition to Crewsafe as it provides the crew added safety during operations that require them to leave the vessel whilst at sea.

Mobilarm Crewsafe is a wireless safety network, which provides a new level of marine employee safety and security through crew location monitoring and by automatically initiating a network-wide alert to all personnel within seconds of an incident occurring. It enables marine employers to remove significant identified risks from the work place and reduce the likelihood of related fatalities. It is an active crew monitoring and reporting system, which immediately detects emergency events such as man overboard, providing a GPS waypoint, range and bearing in order to facilitate a quick, effective rescue of the person in the water. Crewsafe offers additional security and communication functionality, such as crew location

monitoring, covert alarm capability, crew paging, First Aid training, and rescue asset and safety equipment management. Future versions of the product are planned to incorporate bio-metric monitoring and gas detection.

The Mobilarm V100 is an extremely versatile Marine Survivor Locating Device, ideal for use within the offshore oil & gas sector. The pocket-sized device is attached to clothing or lifejackets and will automatically activate when the wearer has gone overboard, sending out a Mayday message and real time GPS coordinates of the casualty's current position via VHF DSC. Since the probability of survival is directly related to the length of time in the water, alerting the people in the best position to rescue the man overboard – the crew aboard the parent vessel and other vessels in the vicinity – will bring about a quick and effective rescue. The V100 requires no onboard infrastructure, apart from a VHF DSC, which the majority of vessels already sail with, so it is a straightforward process for an operator to roll the V100 out across its fleet.

To find out more about the Mobilarm Crewsafe and the V100 Digital PLB, visit Mobilarm on stand 1185 at Offshore Europe 2009.

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Based in Perth, Australia, Mobilarm is the world leader in electronic marine safety products that protect and save lives in man overboard emergencies in the Oil & Gas, Defence and Commercial Marine markets. Available online and through a global network of dealers and distributors, Mobilarm's award-winning products are specifically designed to improve the workplace safety environment for anyone working on or near the water, by providing an instant alert to vessel and crew in the event of man overboard.

The company's Australian and International awards include two Australian Design Awards, the Seatrade Safety at Sea Award and the WA WorkSafe Award.

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