ChartCo, Jeppesen and KH Charts Partnership Allows Innovative Solution for Paper and Electronic Navigational Needs

ChartCo will distribute updates for the Jeppesen official ENC service

HAMBURG, Germany, Sept. 3, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Today at SMM Hamburg, industry leaders ChartCo, Jeppesen and KH Charts have announced that they will provide mariners with a unique method of updating official ENCs from Jeppesen via the ChartCo Select service. As part of the tripartite arrangement, KH Charts will also provide Jeppesen customers with paper products.

The partnership will allow the transfer of Jeppesen ENC data and updates out to vessels using the proven ChartCo technology at a fraction of the normal transmission costs. This approach, which will give mariners access to automatically updated ENC data from Jeppesen in SENC or S-63 format, will make it extremely simple and exceptionally cost effective for vessels to maintain up to date ENC holdings.

Alongside the distribution of Jeppesen data and updates through ChartCo, KH Charts will provide paper charts and publications to Jeppesen customers to provide a complete navigational solution. The combined existing customer base represents at least half of the current SOLAS cargo fleet.

"Navigators will have access to all required navigational data through one source," said Jeppesen OEM Strategic Business Manager Paul Elgar. "By combining the most up-to-date electronic and printed chart data and bringing it to mariners through the industry's most trusted delivery source, this best-of-all-worlds partnership will eliminate obstacles and hassles commonly associated with chart compliance."

The service will enable the industry to benefit from the market leading ChartCo delivery and software solution together with the well-established Jeppesen SENC format data and flexible licensing options, OpenENC, Direct Licensing and Dynamic Licensing. Subscribers will be able to tailor SENC updates to only those they need and ChartCo will also provide functionality that will allow the downloading of individual Jeppesen SENC cells when required. This unique delivery solution will dramatically increase efficiency on board the vessel as well as reduce communication costs, allowing mariners to easily obtain and update ENCs onboard the ship without the continual need for the physical delivery of CDs or DVDs.
"ChartCo has been at the forefront of delivering navigational data direct to ships at sea since being incorporated in 1998," said Business Development Director Steve Mariner. "We are proud to be working with Jeppesen, a market leader in vessel operations services and navigational tools, and adding the distribution of Jeppesen data to our extensive range of services. This partnership will have a major impact on how ENCs are delivered and used by mariners around the world as they face the challenge of mandated ECDIS."

About ChartCo
ChartCo was formed in 1998 and is widely regarded as the market leading provider of electronic data directly to ships at sea through subscription based services. Since this time the company has grown rapidly and now distributes data via Broadcast, email and internet. It currently has more than 5,500 subscribers.

ChartCo delivers paper and electronic charts and chart updates, weather, port and piracy data. ChartCo offers global distribution through a world-wide network of sales agents and is able to install and commission software in key international ports using authorised service agents. ChartCo has built a reputation for world-leading products and service and has succeeded in developing an enviable and growing client list. ChartCo is based in London.

About Jeppesen
Jeppesen is a market-leading provider of vessel operations services and digital navigation solutions, based on worldwide vector chart data type approved to ISO19879, meteorological information and transmission technologies. Jeppesen offers a wide range of navigation and operations products and services to both recreational and commercial marine markets. Safety-conscious boaters and operators of vessels ranging from coastal to SOLAS class, rely on Jeppesen for innovative navigation solutions that improve safety and efficiency.

Jeppesen is a subsidiary of The Boeing Company. Jeppesen corporate information is available online at jeppesen.com.

About KH Charts
KH Charts, part of the Kelvin Hughes Group, operates from several strategic locations worldwide and a network of approved sub-distributors extend the KH Charts’ service into all corners of the globe. Today in excess of 10,000 chart corrections per year are supplied through its high capacity chart correction service to thousands of ships worldwide.

KH Charts is the biggest distributor of maritime data in the world.
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