McMurdo launches new R5 GMDSS VHF handheld radio at SMM, Hamburg

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McMurdo, a business of the Orolia Group (NYSE Alternext Paris – FR0010501015 – ALORO) is launching its new R5 GMDSS VHF handheld Radio at the Shipbuilding, Machinery & Marine Technology International Trade Fair taking place in Hamburg, Germany from 4th – 7th September 2012. The R5 will be on display on the McMurdo stand, number B6.121, together with McMurdo’s full range of marine safety products including EPIRBs, SARTs, PLBs, NAVTEX and VHF Radios.

With superior audio quality, rotary volume control and a large clear LED display, the new McMurdo R5 is internationally type approved and offers the professional user an ideal portable fully featured GMDSS survival craft handheld VHF radio that can also be used for general onboard communication, at a new lower cost. Reliable and easy to use, the R5 is 100% waterproof and submersible to half a metre for half an hour, and includes a ribbed design to ensure a solid grip in wet conditions. The R5 also features large tactile buttons that can be easily operated, even when wearing gloves and the large backlit display makes it easy to read, even at night, where the red backlight prevents disturbance of the user’s night vision.

Commenting on the launch of the new R5, Ross Wilkinson, Sales Director of Orolia Ltd, said “We are delighted to launch the new McMurdo R5 GMDSS VHF Handheld Radio, which has been built to meet the latest stringent IMO, GMDSS and ETSI standards and drop tested to cope with the toughest marine environments.

“Superior technology combined with intensive research among users has resulted in a solid design that suits the professional user requiring a reliable and easy to use portable radio, all at a more affordable price.”

Weighing 340g, the R5 is able to operate in temperatures as low as -20° and has a six year battery storage life. The R5 is available as two options;

Pack A – full featured option, available from £499 + VAT/ €599 + TAX (includes standard battery, charger base plus GMDSS Lithium battery)

Pack B – survival craft option, available from £399 + VAT/ €479 + TAX (includes GMDSS lithium battery and storage base only)