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US Coast Guard Approves Satamatics Ocean Alert

Satamatics, the operator of satellite-based asset tracking and remote monitoring services, reports that its **Ocean Alert** Ship Security Alert System has received approval by the US Coast Guard. Following an in-depth evaluation, the US Coast Guard recognizes Ocean Alert as being in full compliance with the technological and operational requirements of its Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars, and that the system meets all the relevant IMO standards contained within the ISPS Code. As a result, Satamatics' Ocean Alert is now approved for use by US-flagged vessels.

Sandy Lumsden, maritime solutions Product Manager at Satamatics Ltd, commented: "We have worked closely with the US Coast Guard to understand their specific needs, and to ensure that all their requirements could be accommodated by our Ocean Alert technology. The US Coast Guard's approval of our ship security alert system will give additional confidence to the US maritime market. It is also important for the global maritime industry, as ship owners and fleet operators can be confident that when equipped with our Ocean Alert system, their security plans will be acceptable to the relevant authorities when in US waters. This approval by the US Coast Guard joins the long list of class society and maritime authority certification that our Ocean Alert system has now received."

Satamatics' **Ocean Alert** Ship Security Alert System is designed for covert installation, and is one of the smallest and most unobtrusive units of its type available. The technology is already installed in thousands of ships around the world, reflecting its ability to offer straightforward, economical installation. In addition to the approval by the US Coast Guard, **Ocean Alert** has been independently verified and certified by a number of organizations, including the American Bureau of Shipping, Bureau Veritas, China Class Society, Germanischer Lloyd, the Indian Government Ministry of Shipping, Japanese Class NK, and the UK's Maritime & Coastguard Agency.

These certifications underline the **Ocean Alert's** quality and suitability for the task, with the system meeting or exceeding all the mandatory regulations for ship security alert systems, as contained within the IMO's International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code. The regulations are covered by SOLAS Chapter XI-2, regulation 6, and IMO Resolutions MSC.136(76), MSC.147(77) and A.694(17).

Satamatics' global service provides seamless wireless coverage for micro-telemetry applications on land and sea throughout the world, and includes access to the company's international network of satellite gateways and data handling centres. It operates completely independently of terrestrial-based infrastructures, such as cell-phone or radio networks, avoiding their limitations of range or availability. The service utilises the Inmarsat system of geostationary satellites, to ensure maximum quality of service, with the fastest message delivery times.

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