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**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY:**

**Mike Robinson, CEO, UK Hydrographic Office**

Mike Robinson was appointed Chief Executive of the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) in July 2006. Based in Taunton, Somerset, the UKHO is the worldwide premier supplier of navigational charts and publications as well as providing critical maritime safety information. To date Mike has made significant changes throughout the business and aims to continue this by focussing the organization further on its digital future. He has also put together a 'top team' which he believes can drive the UKHO forward through this period of transition from paper to digital products. Arguably his greatest achievement so far is that of AVCS, Admiralty Vector Chart Service, which was successfully launched in April 2008 and provides the maritime community with its first truly global, carriage compliant, digital marine navigation service.

Prior to joining the UKHO, Mike was leading international businesses that employ cutting-edge technology in their marketing, investment and portfolio management activities. At HBOS Group (Halifax Bank of Scotland) Mike was instrumental in building their European Insurance and Investment business, initially as Chief Executive, Clerical Medical International and more recently as Chief Executive, HBOS Europe Financial Services.

After completing a degree in Computer Science, Mike worked for a short time as a software engineer before joining Price Waterhouse as a trainee Chartered Accountant and specialised in Computer Audit. After qualification, he transferred to the Management Consultancy practice and managed a number of IT related consultancy assignments.

Mike also worked for Black Horse Financial Services as their Chief Internal Auditor, and after two years was promoted to the role of Strategic Development Director. In this role he programme managed a transformation change programme across BHFS and Lloyds Bank.

Mike is 44, married with two young children. In his spare time his main sport is tennis, but he also is a keen skier and sailor. However, when not working he tries to spend as much time with his family as possible as his previous roles over the last nine years have required almost constant travel.

