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Press Release

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Response from Peter Sparkes, Acting Chief Executive, UK Hydrographic Office on COVID-19

As we continue to deal with the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, I would like to reassure you that everyone at the UKHO continues to work hard to ensure disruption to essential products and service delivery is kept to a minimum. Our priority remains the same – to meet key safety and defence obligations and to fully support our customers and distributors.

With the emergent reality of a second wave of the virus at the forefront of our minds, we are committed to doing all that we can to help reduce the spread of the virus. Our dedicated COVID-19 working group continues to meet and advise us, to help us ensure that we are following the latest advice from the UK government and the National Health Service.

The business continuity plans and remote working infrastructure we enacted at the start of the pandemic remain highly effective and sustainable. These robust plans and systems have enabled us to minimise any disruption to the delivery of our products and services.

Thanks to these prudent measures and the ongoing efforts of our dedicated team, we have every confidence in the continuity of our vital service to customers in the weeks and months ahead.

May I recommend that users continue to monitor the ADMIRALTY website, weekly bulletins, e-Newsletters, AVCS Readme files and messages from their ADMIRALTY Chart Agent for the most up to date information.

We wish all our partners, colleagues, and their families well during these most uncertain times.

<https://www.admiralty.co.uk/news/all-news/ukho-response-to-covid-19>

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About the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO)

The UKHO is a leading centre for hydrography, providing marine geospatial data to inform maritime decisions. We work with a wide range of data suppliers and partners to support maritime navigation, safety, security and marine development around the UK and worldwide.

We make location-based information available through ADMIRALTY Maritime Data Solutions, our world-leading range of charts, publications and custom data sets. Our use of marine data and technology, combined with our expertise, ensures we continue to innovate and provide a wider range of solutions.

We source, process and provide access to location-based information, ranging from seabed to surface. This enables our partner organisations to make critical maritime decisions – informing the sustainable use and management of the marine environment and supporting the development of the blue economy.

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