

NEWS RELEASE

Drew Marine Signal and Safety renamed as WesCom Signal and Rescue

The world's leading marine distress signal company, Drew Marine Signal and Safety, is to have a new name – WesCom Signal and Rescue.

The name change, new company logo and rebranding, which takes effect on Monday 16 October, comes about since Willhelmsen Group entered an agreement to acquire the technical solutions business of Drew Marine, subject to regulatory approval.

WesCom Signal and Rescue is the manufacturer of the world's top commercial and leisure marine pyrotechnic brands, Pains Wessex, Comet, Oroquieta and Aurora.

WesCom Signal and Rescue Vice President, Global Business Development and General Manager UK, Claire Newland, says: "Once the completion of the impending sale of the Drew Marine Technical Solutions business to the Wilhelmsen Group, announced earlier this year, goes through, the Drew Marine name and Trident logo will no longer be available for use by other group companies not included within the sale. Therefore, as of 16 October 2017, Drew Marine Signal and Safety will be changing its name to WesCom Signal and Rescue.

"WesCom Signal and Rescue's business operations will continue unchanged, manufacturing and marketing its brands: Comet, Pains Wessex, Oroquieta and Aurora exactly as before. All products, personnel and distributors will also remain the same. The company is committed to continuing its excellent customer service and technical support."

"Formerly Chemring Marine, Drew Marine acquired the marine pyrotechnics business from Chemring Group in 2012 and has operated under the company name Drew Marine Signal and Safety since. This latest company name change will enable the business to continue to operate effectively and independently well into the foreseeable future."

WesCom Signal and Rescue marine distress signal products are trusted for their reliability and consistent superiority by rescue services, navies, merchant ships and fishing fleets throughout the world.

Its products are approved globally and are manufactured in compliance with the latest Safety Of Life At Sea (SOLAS) and Marine Equipment Directive (MED) requirements. The brands are marketed internationally and are supported by world-class distributors in all major ports. Pains Wessex is the oldest established marine distress signal brand and has been saving lives around the globe for more than a century.

WesCom Signal and Rescue is headquartered in Havant, UK, is at the forefront of campaigning for improved global marine safety regulations to ensure the safety of mariners throughout the world.

For further information, please visit: www.wescomsignal.com.

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Notes to Editors:

Drew / Wilhelmsen statement, for reference:

The Wilhelmsen Group has signed an agreement to acquire the Technical Solutions business from Drew Marine, a leading manufacturer and provider of advanced performance chemicals and technical solutions to the maritime industry. The final closing of the transaction is subject to regulatory approvals.

The proposed transaction does not include Drew Marine Signal and Safety, under which the Pains Wessex, Comet, Oroquieta and Aurora brands are manufactured and marketed, and which will continue to operate business as usual.

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About WesCom Signal and Rescue:

WesCom Signal and Rescue manufactures the world leading marine distress signals brands Comet, Pains Wessex and Aurora. It sells to worldwide commercial and leisure marine markets. Its products have been helping to save lives for more than 100 years and are specified by the world's navies, merchant fleets, fishing vessels, rescue services, airlines and leisure craft. WesCom Signal and Rescue is at the forefront of campaigning for improved global marine safety regulations to ensure the safety of mariners throughout the world.

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