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1-Stop for Maritime Security Identification Cards

1-Stop Connections Pty Ltd (1-Stop) today confirmed it has been approved by the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DoTaRS) as an Issuing Body for the Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC).

Under the Maritime Security and Offshore Facilities Regulations 2005, any person requiring unescorted access within a maritime security zone must carry and display an MSIC. The regulations came into effect on the 1st October 2005 and will be implemented throughout Australia over the next 15 months. The displaying of MSIC's will become mandatory within any maritime security zone or offshore facility from the 1st January 2007.

To facilitate an easy process to apply for and obtain an MSIC, 1-Stop has developed an on-line web facility where maritime industry participants can register and apply for a card. In collaboration with Australia Post, the applicant can then lodge their application and undertake the required identity checks at any post office in the country.

1-Stop's Chief Executive, Peter Kosmina, said "at this stage we are the only organisation to offer a national system for obtaining an MSIC. By creating an on-line facility and by using Australia Post to carry out the face-to-face identity checks, we have established a network that makes applying for a card extremely easy and very time efficient. With 1-Stop now holding Issuing Body status, we can handle all the responsibility associated with obtaining and maintaining Issuing Body status with DoTaRS, relieving the time and cost burdens, particularly for the smaller to medium sized organisations whose employees need an MSIC, allowing them to concentrate on the prime task of running their day-to-day business."

Mr. Kosmina went on to say "Some maritime industry participants may still wish to apply for Issuing Body status, but either do not want to, or are unable to justify the cost of establishing the necessary systems to issue MSIC's. 1-Stop can also work with these maritime industry participants to act as their Issuing Agent."

1-Stop's card would use MiFare technology that would allow it to also double as an access control card. Patrick, P&O Ports and AAT facilities are to take advantage of this dual use in the near future. "The 1-Stop MSIC may be used for access to any Patrick, P&O and AAT facility around Australia, subject to meeting terminal operator's safety and security protocols. By using the MSIC for access control it will save the applicants time and money by not having to pay for and carry separate cards" Mr. Kosmina said.

The web site will be available by mid-December for the first applications.

For more information on how to obtain an MSIC you can contact 1-Stop on sales@1-stop.biz or phone 1300-881055.

For more information about the MSIC legislation and rules pertaining to MSIC you can also enquire on the DoTaRS web site www.dotars.gov.au or phone 1800-052002.