

News Release
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Global Marine launches GeoCable version 5.2 Submarine Cabling Software Package

*Upgraded software has fully customisable functionality for
management of cable route planning*

Chelmsford, UK: Global Marine Systems Limited, the independent market-leading subsea cable installation and maintenance company, has launched version 5.2 of its unique GeoCable marine engineering software package. GeoCable assists companies with the management of cable route planning, installation and maintenance operations.

Comprising over 1.9 million kilometres of cable route data and 3000 hydrographic charts, version 5.2 enables customers to benefit from bespoke functionality to reflect the needs of their business, such as viewing information based upon a specific geographical focus, seismic activity or dedicated information and statistical analysis on a particular type of subsea cable.

Commenting today, Brian Perratt, Manager of Global Charting Services at Global Marine, said, "With many of the world's oceans now reaching cable saturation point, GeoCable empowers our customers by providing extensive cable and oceanographic information to allow them to plan and execute cable installation and maintenance in the most efficient and cost effective manner for their business."

Originally developed in 1999 by Global Marine, GeoCable provides customers with a simple interface to integrate GeoMedia GIS (Geographical Information System) software with global cable data, ocean depth information and navigational charts. By combining its own cable route maps, which go back over the last 150 years, with UK Hydrographic Admiralty Raster Chart Service (ARCS) data, Global Marine's GeoCable package is recognised throughout the marine engineering industry as consistently providing the most comprehensive cable information available.

Global Marine World Submarine Cable Charts:

Global Charting Services extensive cable database has been used as the basis for a new series of world cable charts. Each chart has cables accurately plotted and identified, and will be available for sale from the website shortly. Go to **www.globalmarinesystems.com** for more information.

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About Global Marine

Global Marine, an independent marine engineering company, has been in business for well over 150 years and continues to be the pre-eminent provider of submarine cable installation and maintenance services in the world. Operating the world's largest fleet of cable ships and subsea vehicles, it is a market leader in marine cable installation and maintenance for telecommunications, as well as scientific research, oil, gas, utilities and the renewable energy sector.

Global Marine is headquartered in the United Kingdom with regional offices in the United States and Asia. The company has established strategic alliances with several of the industry's leading companies and has successful Joint Ventures and partnerships with SBSS in China (China Telecom), NTTWE Marine in Japan (NTT) and ICPL in Singapore (SingTel and ACPL).

Global Marine has installed more undersea fibre optic cables than any other operator, and more than 50% of the world's buried fibre-optic cables have been installed by Global Marine. And between 30 and 40% of all subsea cables repairs and maintenance are undertaken by the company.

Learn more at: www.globalmarinesystems.com

Further information on GeoCable can be found at: www.globalmarinesystems.com/cap_geocable.asp