



UKHO completes sale of SevenCs and ChartWorld to Dutch-Belgian-Trading GmbH

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The UKHO today announced the sale of [SevenCs](#) and [ChartWorld](#) to Dutch-Belgian-Trading GmbH (DBT).

SevenCs is a specialist software company that develops software for the maritime navigation industry, and was acquired by the UKHO in 2005 to support the development of digital navigation products and services. Its subsidiary company, ChartWorld, is a digital chart agent and value added reseller (VAR) which provides digital maritime data and data services to professional mariners.

Ian Moncrieff CBE, Admiralty's Chief Executive said: "The sale of SevenCs and ChartWorld to DBT is part of our strategy to focus resources on our core area of expertise; providing highly accurate, trusted navigational data which seafarers need to operate safely and efficiently. We will continue to work closely with our distributors and customers to ensure that we're delivering that information through Admiralty products and services which best meet their requirements."

"I'd like to thank everyone at both SevenCs and Chartworld for their contribution to Admiralty's development, and I'm delighted that DBT is committed to maintaining both companies in Hamburg and has ambitious growth plans that involve both SevenCs and ChartWorld together."

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About Admiralty and the UKHO

1. UKHO produces a worldwide series of some 3,300 paper nautical charts, 160 publications under the Admiralty brand and has a growing portfolio of Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs). These charts are sold globally and used by nearly 70% of international shipping.
2. UKHO, a Government agency owned by the Ministry of Defence, has been charting the world's oceans for more than 200 years with the primary aim of providing navigational services for the Royal Navy and merchant mariners to save and protect lives at sea. In addition it serves small craft and leisure mariners and provides a range of consultancy services.
3. UKHO is a Trading Fund which means it has the freedom to trade commercially to generate revenue and cover running costs.
4. UKHO also plays a central role, in support of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, in discharging the navigation element of the UK's Safety of Life at Sea Treaty obligations for waters of UK national responsibility.

5. AVCS brings together Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) from national hydrographic offices around the world and new ENC coverage produced by UKHO in co-operation with Foreign Governments to provide comprehensive, official, worldwide coverage.