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### Oil Spill Response and AMOSC form new Alliance

MARSEILLE – The Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre (**AMOSC**) and Oil Spill Response Limited (**Oil Spill Response**) have established a 'Resources and Services Alliance', a milestone agreement which gives **AMOSC** direct call out authority status to mobilise **Oil Spill Response** resources for oil spill incidents occurring in areas covered under **AMOSC**'s area of operation. This arrangement allows governments and companies in defined regional areas to simultaneously gain access to additional resources, expedite the callout process and shorten overall response lead times.

Commenting on the sharing of resources, Ivan Skibinski, General Manager of **AMOSC**, said, "As the prime response organisation in Australia for the National Government, this Alliance allows us to quickly provide additional resources, particularly the Hercules aircraft and its wide area dispersant system that will complement those we have at hand. It also gives us both a better response cover for the whole region from Singapore through to New Zealand."

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All Alliance activities will be overseen and managed by a Joint Operating Committee to be chaired by Ivan Skibinski and Declan O’Driscoll, Regional Director for **Oil Spill Response** Singapore. Targeted activities include the joint development of consultancy and training services, supported by mutual personnel secondments and information sharing.

Building on working ties established more than five years ago, this agreement marks the greater commitment to step up cooperation between two organisations which have a strong history of working together - including most recently the Queensland spill in March this year. **AMOSC** and **Oil Spill Response** are also members of the Global Response Network, a worldwide collaboration of industry-funded spill response organisations.

Archie Smith, Chief Executive of **Oil Spill Response**, commented on the working relationship, “Our two organisations have had a close relationship for many years and share common values and objectives. The Alliance adds significantly to this relationship and strengthens our ability to provide preparedness and response services to our existing members and others who require our services.”

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## About the Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre (AMOSC)

[www.aip.com.au/amosc/](http://www.aip.com.au/amosc/)

The establishment in 1991 of **AMOSC** in Geelong represents a major commitment by the Australian oil industry to safeguard the Australian coastline in the event of a major oil spill.

The Centre is financed by nine participating oil companies and other subscriber companies. These companies carry out the vast majority of the oil and gas production, offshore pipeline, terminal operations and tanker movements around the Australian coast.

**AMOSC** operates Australia's major oil spill response equipment stockpile on 24-hour standby for rapid response anywhere around the Australian coast.

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## About Oil Spill Response Limited

<http://www.oilspillresponse.com>

**Oil Spill Response** is the world's largest organisation of its kind, boasting an extensive track record of oil spill responses globally that few industry counterparts can rival. Operating from bases in the United Kingdom, Singapore and Bahrain, this industry-funded company employs more than 100 personnel and has spill response equipment stockpiles that include three Aerial Dispersant Delivery System Packs, catamarans and a wide array of booms and skimmers.

**Oil Spill Response** is committed to the International Maritime Organisation's (IMO) initiatives to promote training for oil spill preparedness and response and delivers an accredited training service. It also provides dedicated consultancy services in oil spill emergency and contingency planning.

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