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SkyMate M1600 Type Approved by BFAR for Philippine Fisheries

Scan Marine Inc. Agrees to Distribute M1600 to Fishing Companies across the Country

[Manila, Philippines, January 11] — The Philippine Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) has approved the SkyMate M1600 from Navcast-Asia for licensed commercial fishing vessels in the Philippines. The M1600 is the first vessel monitoring system (VMS) approved by BFAR and will be deployed under the government's FAO 266 requirements whereby commercial fishermen are obliged to install an approved VMS system before November 5, 2021.

FAO 266, issued on October 19, 2020, is based on the role of BFAR of the Department of Agriculture to conserve, protect and manage the country's marine resources. In Section 2 of the FAO 266, the Scope is defined as "No commercial vessel shall engage in fishing activity without the vessel monitoring measures (VMM) as established herein. For this purpose, VMM shall apply to licensed Philippine flagged fishing vessels targeting straddling and highly migratory fish stocks within and outside Philippine waters."

The SkyMate M1600 is a cost effective commercial communications system for fishing companies. In addition to meeting the regulatory obligations of the fishing company, the M1600 provides two way communications, crew communications, lifesaving SOS features, custom reports, fleet tracking, and weather and sea state data for captains.

Pat McGrath, President of Navcast Asia said "we are very proud to be the first approved vendor by BFAR and will earn their trust by providing a high quality VMS product in time to meet the deadline. The SkyMate M1600 is our workhorse product, approved and used in many jurisdictions around the world. For the Philippine customer, the M1600 is also WCPFC and FFA approved for fishing in international waters."

Pel Nacionales, General Manager of Scan Marine said “Scan Marine is proud to offer the SkyMate M1600 product to our customers in the Philippines. It is a solid product with a great suite of features and a very attractive price point. We look forward to talking with our customers about the M1600 and scheduling an installation so they can meet their regulatory obligations and more.”

Navcast Inc. (Mississauga, Canada and Manila, Philippines) is a Canadian technology company focused on satellite data enabled products. The company sells products under three brands, mazu for the recreational boating enthusiast, SkyMate for the commercial marine industry, and Alon for a thriving coastal marine community. www.Navcast.com www.SkyMate.com

Scan Marine is a leading supplier to the Philippine marine marketplace. Since 1981 they provide the Marine Industry sector such as shipping, lighterage offshore exploration vessels, military, coast guard and government disaster and rescue agencies with efficient equipments for communications, navigational aids, ultrasonic, hydraulic, mechanical, instrumentations and related parts as such industries may require. Scan employs about 150 dedicated marine industry people at their locations in Tondo, Manila, Cebu, Zamboanga and General Santos.

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