**News Release**

**For Immediate Release**

**30 May 2023**

**AquaSpec's marine safety lights gain UK MCA MER (Red Ensign) approval**

Marine safety specialist, Ocean Safety has announced that its principal supplier of marine safety lights, AquaSpec, has received MER (Red Ensign) approval across its entire range of lights.

Already SOLAS, MED (Ship’s Wheel) and USCG approved AquaSpec’s AQ8A, AQ40L and AQ40S lifejacket lights, AQLBL and AQLBA lifebuoy lights, and the AQLRL liferaft light, now comply with MER regulations and are available to be used on UK registered commercial vessels, where previously only MED approval was required.

“At AquaSpec we have been producing the highest quality Lifejacket, Lifebuoy and Liferaft lights since 1995. With the addition of MER approval across the whole range we are able to continue to service the global market with our state-of-the-art products,” says Robert Bicket, AquaSpec’s Managing Director.

AquaSpec’s range of high-performance marine safety lights is globally distributed exclusively by Ocean Safety.

“As the exclusive global distributor of AquaSpec’s innovative and technologically advanced marine safety lights, we’re delighted that its products now have MER approval and can be used on UK-flagged commercial vessels,” says Ocean Safety’s managing director, Alistair Hackett.

“We’ve worked closely with AquaSpec for many years, and this approval demonstrates that their commitment to the commercial marine industry mirrors our own, as we attempt to make it as easy as possible for UK-flagged vessels to operate within the law following Brexit and the challenges it has created.”

For more information on AquaSpec’s range of marine safety lights visit <https://www.aquaspec.com>

For more information on Ocean Safety and its ranges of marine safety equipment and services visit <https://www.oceansafety.com>

**Ends**

**Notes for editors:**

**About Ocean Safety**

* Ocean Safety specialises in the worldwide supply, distribution, service and hire of marine safety equipment and products including liferafts, lifejackets, man overboard equipment and EPIRBs.
* Current customers include ship and superyacht builders, round the world racing, cruising yachts and the MOD.
* Ocean Safety offers its own manufactured products including the Jon Buoy man overboard recovery range, and leisure and SOLAS liferafts and lifejackets.
* Other manufacturers represented by Ocean Safety include Aquaspec, Ocean Signal, Hansson Pyrotechnics, Daniamant, Dacon, Fibrelight, Jason’s Cradle, ICOM and Hammar.
* Ocean Safety offers marine safety equipment servicing by qualified and experienced servicing professional at all branches throughout the year.
* Ocean Safety is part of the Alliance Marine Group.
* For more information visit <https://www.oceansafety.com>

**MAA**

* MAA provides simple, no-nonsense solutions to companies’ advertising, PR, media buying and marketing communications needs.
* From brand development to website design, digital marketing to PR, MAA offers a straightforward, knowledgeable and service-orientated approach.
* MAA is able to offer unrivalled value to help clients reach their target markets.
* For more information visit www.maa.agency

For media enquiries, more information, product tests, or hi-res images:

MAA

Susannah Hart or Amy Grealish

MAA Ocean Safety

Email: [susannah@maa.agency](mailto:susannah@maa.agency) Email: [agrealish@oceansafety.com](mailto:agrealish@oceansafety.com)

Tel: +44 (0) 23 9252 2044 Tel: +44 (0) 23 80 720 800