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NOBELTEC LINE OF MARINE NAVIGATION SOFTWARE ACQUIRED BY SIGNET S.A.

*Signet S.A., Announces the
Purchase of the Nobeltec Line of Marine Navigation Software Products from Jeppesen Marine, Inc.*

PORTLAND, OR, October 1, 2009—Signet S.A. today announced that a wholly-owned subsidiary has entered into an agreement with Jeppesen Marine, Inc. for the purchase of its Nobeltec division, a provider of marine navigation software products. Nobeltec will become part of Signet's portfolio, of which Furuno Electric Company is a significant shareholder, that includes the ownership of MaxSea & MapMedia among other marine navigation companies.

"We envision a bright future and partnership for MaxSea and Nobeltec and are excited about the innovations and technologies that will be forthcoming," said Brice Pryszo, founder and president of Signet. "Both Nobeltec and MaxSea have long, rich histories of technological innovations; we are truly thrilled to see what our partnership will bring to the marine navigation market."

Signet will continue to support existing Nobeltec products and anticipates introducing new product innovations in the near future. The Nobeltec products will continue to be compatible with Jeppesen Marine's Passport™ and MAX Pro™ brand of electronic chart data products.

"The sale of our Nobeltec software line reinforces our commitment to providing our original equipment manufacturer partners with the very best electronic charts and electronic charting technology, while they focus on navigation applications" says Greg Bowlin, Jeppesen senior vice president and chief strategy officer. "We are pleased that Nobeltec and its history of innovation will continue. We also expect this sale to strengthen the relationship between Jeppesen Marine and Signet."

Nobeltec will continue to be based in Portland, Oregon, globally distributing its product from that location.

Term of this sale are not being disclosed at this time. Completion of the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions and is expected to occur in the fourth quarter.

For more information on Nobeltec, visit www.nobeltec.com.

About Signet S.A.

Signet S.A., parent company of MaxSea, which was founded in 1985 by a team of engineers determined to bring the power of personal computers on-board, and is today a leading designer and manufacturer of navigation software and technology. Through customer input and innovative advances, Signet has specifically proven itself in the maritime market with its introduction of MaxSea's new Time Zero Technology, used by Furuno with its release of NavNet 3D. Furuno Electric Company is a significant shareholder of Signet, S.A.

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