

KANNAD launches “Safelink”, the smallest worldwide marine beacon

The first GPS-based emergency position indicating radiobeacon (EPIRB) to have an integrated antenna and user-replaceable batteries

Guidel, October 16th 2009 - KANNAD, a company of the Orolia Group (NYSE Alternext Paris – FR0010501015 – ALORO), today announced the launch of a new safety beacon dedicated to the marine market. This beacon combines an advanced integrated antenna and unique user-replaceable batteries to avoid returning to the unit to a distributor for routine maintenance. Durable construction, safety, ease of use and maintenance free performance make Safelink the most innovative beacon to date. Thanks to its integrated antenna which does not need to be deployed in case of emergency, this EPIRB called “Safelink” saves time when needed by sailors and marine professionals, while protecting against accidental damage. Safelink is the smallest beacon of the market and the only one to offer user-replaceable batteries reducing total cost of ownership and use constraints. Small, light and easy to handle, this beacon is simple to remove, carry and activate with one hand only.

“This new beacon is a step forward in innovation and a perfect fit for our extensive range for marine safety. It is essential to provide new solutions to enhance efficiency and reliability of search and rescue missions. All innovative technologies incorporated in Safelink align to Kannad’s global strategy to reinforce our leading position in the field of satellite emergency positioning systems” explains Jean-Pierre BARDON, Kannad of CEO.

Peerless technical specifications

- Dimensions : 250 x 111 x 91 mm
- Weight : 627g
- Integrated antenna with GPS system
- Replaceable battery pack: the end-user can change the EPIRB battery pack for more flexibility and lower total cost of ownership.
- Battery life extended to 6 years: less frequent replacement of batteries lowers cost and reduces waste: better for the environment
- Activation: the beacon can be activated manually in its mounting bracket or automatically. Manual activation and test procedures were developed for simple, fast and intuitive use: red button for activation, green button for test. Both activation systems also enable to test the EPIRB without removing it, thus avoiding excessive handling.

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A dedicated website manageyourbeacon.com offers customers the opportunity to manage their beacon via internet at no cost throughout its life: date of next control, 15 HEX ID, beacon owner data.

Availability and price

Safelink will be available from Kannad distribution network at the end of November. Refer to complete list of distributors at www.kannad.com or email us at: contact@kannad.com

Recommended public retail price: less than 499€ Ex VAT.

Meet KANNAD at METS (International Professional Trade Show)

on November 17th, 18th and 19th in Amsterdam – Netherlands.

About Kannad

Kannad, a company of the Orolia Group, is specialized in the design of positioning, measuring and data transmission systems for remote environment. The company relies on a name, KANNAD, well established not only in France but also internationally. KANNAD is also renowned for its COSPAS SARSAT distress beacon brand that KANNAD has been manufacturing for over 20 years. KANNAD motivation and prime objective is to pursue the development of innovative equipments that save life in all kinds of environment.

About Orolia

Orolia is a high-technology group specialized in precise Positioning, Navigation and Timing. Orolia provides high-precision electronics equipments that generate, distribute, measure and process the high-precision Time & Frequency signals that Critical Operations use to detect, trace, control, analyze or synchronize time and location-critical events. High-precision timing, positioning and synchronization solutions are vital for critical applications in growing markets such as Defense, Public Safety, and Telecom & Broadcasting in land, maritime, air or space environments. Since 2006, the Orolia group has been able to establish itself as one of the leaders in PNT solutions at a global level through four companies: Spectracom, SpectraTime, T4Science and Kannad. Orolia's headquarters are located in Les Ulis, (France). The company also has main offices in Sophia-Antipolis (France), Neuchâtel (Switzerland), Stockholm (Sweden), Rochester (New York), Basingstoke (UK) and Guidel (France).

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