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UKHO Announces Next National Hydrographer

The United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, UKHO, is delighted to announce the appointment of Commodore Nick Lambert RN as the next UK National Hydrographer, Deputy Chief Executive (Hydrography), based in Taunton, Somerset.



Nick Lambert, who will be promoted to Rear Admiral on appointment, will take over from Rear Admiral Ian Moncrieff in August 2010 after 4 years in this post. Reporting to the Chief Executive he will be integral to continuing the key role the UKHO plays in working with the International Hydrographic Community, leading on Defence matters and discharging the UK Government's responsibilities for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency under the UN Convention of Safety of Life at Sea.

Nick graduated in Geography from the University of Durham in 1983. He joined the Royal Navy as a Seaman in 1977 and comes to the UKHO with a long and distinguished Naval background.

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Qualified as a Principal Warfare Officer in 1986, he has accumulated over 15 years operational seagoing experience in five warships serving in the South Atlantic, Persian Gulf, Adriatic and numerous other parts of the world. He commanded the ice patrol ship HMS ENDURANCE from 2005-2007 before, on promotion to Commodore, commanding Task Force 158 in the North Arabian Gulf. Since January 2008 he has been Deputy Flag Officer Sea Training.

Mike Robinson, Chief Executive of the UKHO, said: "I am delighted to be welcoming Nick to the UKHO. This is an excellent appointment which will be of considerable benefit to the UKHO, our international hydrographic relations and to our defence customer. Nick brings with him considerable expertise and experience. He will play an important role in the future development of our organisation."

Nick commented: "I am very pleased indeed to be joining such a world-renowned organisation as the UKHO. I much look forward to continuing the work that Rear Admiral Moncrieff has done particularly as we move further into the delivery of digital products and services."

Nick is married with two children. He is a Henley Management College qualified executive coach, a member of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, a friend of the Scott Polar Research Institute and Chairman of the Royal Navy Gliding and Soaring Association. A passionate glider pilot, he also enjoys cookery, gardening and running.

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Notes for Editors

1. The UKHO, which is part of the Ministry of Defence, has been charting the world's oceans for more than 200 years with the primary aim of providing navigational services for the Royal Navy and merchant mariners to save and protect lives at sea. In addition it also serves the small craft and leisure mariners and provides a range of consultancy services.
2. The UKHO produces a worldwide series of some 3,300 paper nautical charts and 160 publications under the Admiralty brand and has a growing portfolio of Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs). These charts are sold globally and used by nearly 70 per cent of international shipping.
3. The UKHO is a Trading Fund which means it is a government agency owned by the MoD with the freedom to trade commercially to generate revenue and cover running costs.
4. The UKHO also plays a central role, in support of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, in discharging the navigation element of the UK's Safety of Life at Sea Treaty obligations for waters of UK national responsibility.