

## **AET completes IMOS installations**

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AET has completed installation of Veson Nautical's Integrated Maritime Operations System (IMOS6) in its three commercial offices - London, Houston, and Singapore – to handle all chartering, operations, and accounting activities for the company's fleet of VLCC, Aframax and product tankers.

The new software package has, as a result, effectively become the maritime component of AET's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution.

AET had previously employed a mix of in-house and vendor-supplied systems to handle its fleet operations, with management using two disparate systems among three offices.

This meant that month-end closing was a manually intensive process, as the systems were not integrated. Finding an integrated system that could remove this issue was a key part of the selection process for the new software package, says Andy Davenport, AET assistant vice president of business applications.

"Veson Nautical offered [us] functionality, plus a level of integration that was essential to us; and the company was most professional in its approach," he explained.

"Also, the highly intuitive, user-friendly interface was better than the other solutions reviewed. We went through rigorous testing and we felt confident IMOS would deliver what we wanted: a singular, flexible system to manage chartering and operations."

AET purchased the full IMOS system for its London, Houston and Singapore offices, and integrated IMOS into its Oracle Financials accounting package using BizTalk.

The AET offices in Singapore were the first to implement IMOS6 during the summer of 2009; London went live shortly thereafter and the Houston office launched in early August.

"IMOS has helped 'harmonise' our business operations and provided transparency of information through the voyage lifecycle," said Mr Davenport.

"Additionally, the use of IMOS will enable us to better manage future business growth."



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