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Will Watson joins AdvanFort as President

Maritime professional will lead the next generation of global security solutions

Herndon, Virginia – August 30, 2012—The AdvanFort Company today announced that maritime professional William Hughes (Will) Watson has joined the company as president. Will comes to AdvanFort from the Office of the Maritime Administrator of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) where he has been Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs and Special Agent since 2009. Additionally, Will served as delegate of the RMI to the United Nations Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) and coordinated counter piracy and terrorist activities at International Registries, Inc. (IRI) and Maritime Security Liaison. He will be responsible for the global strategy and continued expansion of AdvanFort as a maritime security leader.

Will continues his responsibilities as Vice President of Government Affairs and Governor with the Maritime Security Council, where he represents the Maritime Industry on the National Council of ISACs (Information Sharing & Analysis Centers). Prior to his time with the Marshall Islands Registry, Will was a maritime journalist, having spent years with Lloyd's Register - Fairplay and later, IHS - Fairplay as Deputy Editor - Americas. Will has appeared on television, radio and been cited in print journals as an expert on the maritime industry in general and maritime security / counter piracy.

"I am honored to have been asked to lead the team of professionals at AdvanFort. Our highly trained and experienced executive, management and operational staff and consultants understand their mission is to protect and safeguard the lives and livelihoods of our clients. Moving forward, we will continue to deliver world-class maritime operations and security solutions that exceed our clients' complex needs," Will Watson said.

Will serves on the Advisory Board of the National Maritime Law Enforcement Academy; the Administrative Board of the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS - USA); the Maritime Working Group steering committee of the U.S. State Department's Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC); and is a member of Oceans Beyond Piracy Working Group. He has lectured at the International Maritime Law Institute, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy / GMATS and the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies. Will is actively involved in the Council of American Master Mariners and the Propeller Club of the U.S. He is an alumnus of the University of South Carolina and veteran of the US Air Force Reserve and the South Carolina Air National Guard.

About AdvanFort

The AdvanFort Company is privately held and headquartered in the Washington, DC area with offices in London, Dubai, Manila and Tallinn, and soon in Germany, Greece and Japan. AdvanFort provides world-class maritime operations and security solutions as well as government relations consulting. AdvanFort's international consultants work closely with governments, industry and academia on current issues, challenges and opportunities. We help these institutions manage critical resources to promote positive social and economic growth. The firm specializes in maritime security, training, intelligence operations, and information security, with a specialty in providing armed security personnel and fleet assets in high-risk environments. AdvanFort's executive, management and operational teams consist of highly experienced former US and UK military special operators and intelligence community veterans as well as former NATO security professionals. With an expanding fleet of vessels forward deployed to strategic locations around the globe, AdvanFort can ensure that any vessel in need of security and force protection services, regardless of location, can be engaged with one of our vessels without the need to divert from its current

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transit. AdvanFort's state of the art technology used to monitor client vessels as well as the state of the current pirate / terrorist threat is maintained 24/7 in a global command and control center, operated by a team of former military professionals and intelligence analysts. Our staff is trained to detect and analyze any high risk area where pirates or terrorists may be operating, in order to provide timely alerts to your vessels out at sea.

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