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## **Press Release**

### **Kimberley Coastal Pilots to provide professional marine advice to cruise ships visiting the spectacular Kimberley coast**

West Coast Pilots Pty Ltd and Captain Craig Brent-White are pleased to announce the launch of Kimberley Coastal Pilots (Int) Pty Ltd. Kimberley Coastal Pilots has been formed to provide much needed professional and quality assured, coastal pilotage and marine advice to cruise vessels visiting the Kimberley coast in Western Australia.

The Kimberley is a unique global tourist destination. Its remarkable natural and cultural beauty provides a point of difference experience unmatched anywhere in the world. Over the last decade, an increasing number of cruise vessels have visited the Kimberley to experience its remote and spectacular sights.

The areas unique geography however, creates navigational challenges for ships and other vessels transiting these waters. King tides in excess of 10 meters, some of the largest in the world, results in strong currents and eddies in its waterways. These are particularly evident when navigating close to the myriad of spectacular islands, reefs and shoals in the area, many of which are uncharted. Local knowledge is therefore essential when navigating these waters to mitigate risk and to help protect this unique and sensitive environment. The Australian Hydrographic Office strongly recommends local knowledge be utilised for all vessels transiting these areas.

Kimberley Coastal Pilots has been formed to provide the cruise industry with the assurance that this critical marine safety service is being

performed to the highest industry standards. The joint venture partners have extensive experience navigating and piloting in the Kimberley. No other organisation or group could match Kimberley Coastal Pilot's combined experience in the region.

Captain Brent-White is a well-known identity in the Kimberley. Craig is a Master Mariner who has worked on the coast for over 30 years. He has extensive knowledge of many of the coastal features and anchorages between Broome and the Northern Territory border. Craig has been providing advice and services to major cruise operators for a number of years and will be the Company's Senior Pilot/consultant.

West Coast Pilots is the premier multi-port marine pilot service provider in Western Australia. Since 2003, the Company has built a reputation for providing the highest quality Master Mariner pilots under a fully accredited quality safety management system. West Coast Pilots provide services to a number of locations in the Kimberley, including Broome and Yampi Sound.

Kimberley Coastal Pilots are excited about the potential for increased cruise vessel activity on the Kimberley Coast. The economic and social benefits for the region and for tourism in WA generally are clear. With the combined experience of the partners, Kimberley Coastal Pilots stand ready to deliver a vitally important service to support the cruise industry servicing the spectacular Kimberley region.

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