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IGT Industries Ltd announced today a new order from AMI Marine to supply illuminated capacitive switch technology for a new marine Watch Alarm. The alarms will be fitted to the bridge of vessels to ensure the Officer of the Watch is present as required.

The high quality illuminated capacitive switch panel on each alarm provides bright uniform lighting to ensure it is highly visible in all environmental conditions. The secret until lit graphics and scratch resistant surface give the unit a high quality appearance and set it apart from competitive products.

Designed and developed by IGT using the Design LED “Innovative illumination and capacitive switches are enabling a wide variety of industrial products to retain a bespoke designer feel,” commented Iain Kyle, business development manager at Design LED. “The design of AMI Marine’s new alarm panel is bringing high quality contemporary styling to a robust system installed into the high traffic rugged environment of a ships bridge.”

Watch Alarms are currently compulsory on all vessels with a Bahamian and Danish Flag. New legislation will make them mandatory on all vessels starting in 2011. The Officer of the Watch must confirm their presence on the bridge at regular intervals by either pressing a button on the alarm panel or triggering a motion sensor. If no confirmation is received then the system triggers an alarm in the crew’s quarters.

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Stuart Newman a Director of AMI Marine (UK) Ltd commented, “In a competitive market it is imperative that we differentiate our products. Working with IGT Industries and Design LED has enabled us to develop a necessary and functional system and give it a contemporary twist. The “secret until lit” and smooth, low profile graphics along with uniform luminosity give this product a distinct advantage.”

“Design LED’s technology helped us deliver a truly outstanding result to our customer, AMI Marine,” said Derek McLaughlan Sales & Marketing Director of IGT. “Combining the printed light guide with capacitive touch sensing has created a robust, easy to use solution with a high quality look and feel, well suited to the target environment.”

About AMI Marine

AMI Marine (UK) Ltd, formerly know as AMI-GFV, is a UK based company that develops, designs and manufactures marine electronic interfacing, retransmission, bespoke navigation products and highly successful Voyage Data Recorder (VDR).

Nearly two decades ago AMI Marine identified a need to bring the world of marine interfaces up to date. AMI were the first to introduce solid state electronic solutions into a market that was predominately electro-mechanical. Since then AMI has established a reputation for innovation and quality second to none.

AMI Marine’s worldwide network of service engineers is managed from their new purpose built headquarters in Southampton where AMI design and develop new products.

The company is approved to ISO 9001:2000 and endeavours to operate beyond this standard. All products are tested to the appropriate standards and where no standard exists to an AMI derived standard. AMI’s flagship products, SMIDS and VDR, have both been tested and approved to the prestigious Wheelmark standard.

About Design LED Products Limited

Founded in early 2004, Design LED products have developed and patented a manufacturing technology to embed Light Emitting Diodes within printed light guides. This enables thin, inexpensive, segmented display panels suitable for a range of applications from consumer electrical & electronic devices, automotive, point or sale advertising & industrial keypads.

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