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** Drives effective management of risk, improves integration and saves admin time **

Nottingham, 04 June 2009: The leader in covert policing software, ABM, has launched the latest generation of its *abmpegasus* suite of covert management tools. The system's significantly enhanced modules enable police officers to more easily share information in a secure environment while protecting both the public and police through effective management of risk.

Good quality information from the public is the backbone of crime prevention. The enhanced *abmpegasus* modules realise the critical importance of protecting the public's data and identifies whilst also assisting with effective, timely and secure covert information sharing and integration.

Through *abmpegasus*'s new **5x5x5 Intelligence Input form**, police officers can easily export intelligence logs into the standard National Information/Intelligence Report without having to re-key data, a time consuming process which also increased the chance of data entry errors. With the new interface, administrative effort is greatly reduced, enabling officers to spend more time in the community where most needed. This is particularly appropriate in light of proposed cuts to police budgets and potential reduction of manpower.

The 5x5x5 form assesses the risk which a Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS) is to be exposed to and the risk of using intelligence gained from a CHIS, therefore protecting the individual or police operation to which the information relates. The information retrieved is evaluated and rated by the reliability of the source, the quality of the information and the handling code or way in which the material should be disseminated. The form also starts an audit trail and ensures consistency between forces so intelligence can be shared more easily.

The **Industry Exchange** upgrade enables police services to manage intelligence sources at organisations, such as retailers, where criminal activity, suspicious behaviour and internal theft occur. Furthermore, the new version offers integration with **Home Office Mobile Telephone lookup**, so that law enforcement agencies can quickly

verify the Telecoms Service provider with which that number is associated, should the number have been ported to different service providers.

Another useful new development is the **fast-input service for IIC (Information in Confidence) and the ISR (Intelligence Source Register)**. This allows authorised officers outside of the covert unit to securely input information into the system via an input-only form, further reducing bureaucracy and re-keying whilst maintaining information security.

Enhancements to the **Protected Persons** module include new Client Summary and Case Strategy screens to improve client management as well as a new Operational Briefing form. This comprehensive integrated solution ensures that all matters pertaining to protected people are appropriately managed and recorded, whether they are witnesses, jurors, judges, magistrates, prosecutors, law enforcement officers or family members.

“Bringing covert intelligence information together in one web-enabled system brings huge benefits to law enforcement, not least the ability to access one complete intelligence picture on all covert policing operations in real-time and force-wide,” says ABM’s Director of Operations, Anton Roe. “Taking an integrated approach to managing covert operations through *abmpegasus*’s central repository of information, means that better informed decisions can be made as a result of viewing the complete covert management picture at the click of a button, rather than dealing with information held in silos.

“The standardised processes in *abmpegasus* facilitate best practice procedures as well as ensuring adherence to legislation. Overall administration time is significantly reduced so police officers can spend their time where it is most needed rather than being slowed down by unwieldy paper processes.”

Specifically designed to simplify covert policing processes by reducing bureaucracy and administration, *abmpegasus* offers maximum flexibility and sophisticated functionality through a user friendly interface. The solution encompasses Source Management, Information in Confidence, Protected Persons, Communications, Surveillance and Debrief.

Fully compliant with UK legislation and standards, including Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA), European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), National Intelligence Module (NIM), ACPO Codes of Practice, Community Service Policy (CSP) and the Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS) and designed in accordance with Information Systems Strategy for the Police Service (ISS4PS), CESG ITSEC ORACLE Certification and a number of other initiatives, *abmpegasus* is the leading covert tool in today’s law enforcement environment.

For further information on *abmpegasus* please visit www.abm-uk.com

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ABM is a leading supplier of criminal intelligence IT, developing best of breed solutions in partnership with customers to meet the unique requirements of the law enforcement market. ABM's intelligence-led applications are national standard compliant and work from a single data source enabling customers to gain substantial time saving and financial benefits. Its 180 law enforcement customers worldwide include internationally renowned organisations such as the Metropolitan Police Service, Western Australia Police and the Scottish Intelligence Database. For more information, visit ABM at <http://www.abm-uk.com>

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