



## Service Profile: Information Technology

As a major player in oil and gas logistics, ASCO has a long history of using Information Technology in support of its operations. We have been developing systems which create value for our clients, employees and shareholders since the early days of North Sea exploration. Recent examples include PIMS, a procurement, stock control and materials management system; OpsBoard, which supports vessel arrival, departure and quayside activity and generates data viewable over the internet in real-time; and VRS, our unique voyage reporting system which provides comprehensive voyage data. Kinesys, and other systems arising from market demand, will continue to deliver more to our customers and provide ASCO with a clear competitive advantage in integrated logistics management well into the future.



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ASCO's partnership with Microsoft, Dell and BT – three of the worlds top information technology companies – has created a best in class infrastructure which supports a global Server, Laptop and Desktop strategy providing ASCO with one of the most robust and high performance user environments available. The network supports data, voice and video. This strategy allows ASCO employees to connect to the network anywhere in the world, efficiently, quickly and cost effectively. The network has the capacity to integrate with partners, clients and vendors – a result of close collaboration with vendors to establish a comprehensive infrastructure strategy.

With this solid foundation in place, ASCO embarked on the development of a suite of innovative, fully integrated software applications specifically designed to support oil and gas supply chains from warehouse to asset floor.



#### **Kinesys Modular Developments**

The flagship system in this suite of applications is a modular systems platform called Kinesys. The manifesting module of Kinesys is operational now and other modules will follow. Kinesys employs state-of-the-art Microsoft technologies such as Silverlight™, SQL Server 2005™, .Net™ and Sharepoint™.

#### **Kinesys Manifest**

The project continues to be driven by senior ASCO directors, despite the current economic context of world recession – an illustration of ASCO's commitment to staying at the leading edge of Oil and Gas Logistics.