

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31 March 2008

OBJECTS, PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATION

The charity is a registered charity, number 290776. The charity's object and principal activity continues to be that of encouraging the prevention of marine pollution and promoting and conducting research into its causes and effects.

The charity continues to monitor marine pollution and collaborates with other national and international organisations concerned with environmental policies. It also promotes high level seminars, meetings and lectures on critical marine policy issues.

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, company number 1867863, and is therefore governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees may be appointed under the terms of the Articles of Association only with the power to co-opt until subsequent general meetings to fill casual vacancies as and when they may arise.

The charity is administered by its Executive Committee, which includes the Trustees.

DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

During the current and previous years the charity's activities have been reduced to a level that may be sustainable over the longer term. In June 2007 the charity withdrew from the Russian Arctic project as it was too costly in terms of both resources and funding. Subsequently, the charity relocated to University of Cambridge premises in order to achieve administrative cost savings.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Trustees recognise the difficulty in attracting unrestricted funding and are continuing the process of associating their expertise with the broadly based academic strengths and funding of the University of Cambridge. The Trustees would like to record their particular thanks to Terry Jones who has provided administrative support as a volunteer during the year.

ACOPS continues to play a lead role with its United Kingdom Oil Pollution Surveys. These have been active for over a quarter of a century and the Trustees recognise the work of Trevor Dixon, who has been pivotal in completing the internationally recognised surveys.