

## Met Office joins Kognifai Partner Program to offer weather and ocean data on Kognifai

**Asker, Norway, March 4, 2019** – Met Office has signed a partner agreement with Kongsberg Digital to offer meteorological and oceanographic data to customers, independent software developers and other users of the Kognifai ecosystem in the maritime market.

Last year, Kongsberg Digital opened the Kognifai Partner Program to all to ensure that the best industry solutions are available to KONGSBERG's customer at all times. Now, they have signed the Met Office, the UK's National Meteorological Service to provide world-leading, reliable weather forecasts and severe weather warnings to people and industries.

*"Weather is one of the most important variables within the maritime industries. The ability to plan according to the weather is crucial for increasing efficiency, safety and accuracy of operations ranging from shipping, to drilling, to platform production. This partnership will ensure the best possible data is available at the fingertips of maritime operators, for use directly, in applications and analyses,"* says Hege Skryseth, CEO of Kongsberg Digital.

Met Office has a global reputation for developing innovative weather forecasting capabilities and climate science, delivering forecasts across every timescale all over the world to customers in sectors such as oil and gas, renewables, aviation, and transport. Both Met Office and Kongsberg Digital see an increasing demand for services involving environmental data and will work close to offer the best offerings to the market.

Patrick Sachon, Group Leader for Transport & Energy at Met Office, said: *"Met Office works at the forefront of weather and climate science for people's protection, well-being and prosperity. We help industries operate safely efficiently and successfully. Everything we do is based on world-leading science and enhanced by the close working relationships we have with partner organisations around the globe, like Kongsberg. We're delighted to join the Kognifai partner programme to deliver world class weather and climate services."*

Met Office joined the Kognifai Partner Program in February 2019, and weather services from Met Office will be under continuous development for the benefit of Kognifai users.

### **About Kognifai**

Kognifai is an open, secure and collaborative digital platform for accessing data, applying advanced analytics, running applications and accelerating digitalization initiatives in the industrial world. The platform integrates with different infrastructures that improve safe integration between the world of information technology and operational technology to accelerate business transformation in established industries. <http://www.kognifai.com/>

### **About Kongsberg Digital**

Kongsberg Digital is a provider of next-generation software and digital solutions to customers within maritime, oil and gas, and renewables and utilities. The company consists of more than 500 software experts with leading competence within the internet



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of things, smart data, artificial intelligence, maritime simulation, automation and autonomous operations.

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### **About Met Office**

Met Office is a world leader in providing weather and climate services, and employs more than 1,700 at 60 locations throughout the world. They are a Trading Fund within the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), operating on a commercial basis under set targets. Met Office is recognised as one of the world's most accurate forecasters, using more than 10 million weather observations a day, an advanced atmospheric model and a high performance supercomputer to create 4,500 tailored forecasts and briefings a day. These are delivered to a huge range of customers from the Government, to businesses, the general public, armed forces, and other organisations.

Met Office is at the forefront of climate change research and is playing a key role in helping determine the worldwide response to climate change. Their involvement in global collaborative projects includes advising the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and our tailored advice and services help decision-makers and businesses across public and private sectors to manage risks and opportunities associated with a changing climate. [www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)

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