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## **Edoc's HELM Selected By Savannah Pilots Association**

***Marine Operations Software makes life easier  
for marine pilots in Georgia.***

**(April 7, 2008 – Savannah, GA):** Edoc Systems Group Ltd (Edoc), a leader in marine industry management software, announced today that Georgia-based Savannah Pilots Association (Savannah Pilots) has selected Edoc's HELM Marine Operations Software to make their operations more efficient. Savannah Pilots is utilizing HELM's Scheduling & Invoicing module to save time in the office and improve communication among all members of the association. Savannah needed a system to reduce their paperwork and produce an online real-time schedule that pilots could access at any time. They compared Edoc with two other providers in the market and they chose Edoc because the software is simple and Edoc is easy to work with. Captain Bob Upton at Savannah Pilots commented, "We were surprised how easy it was to learn. We can now plan our day without calling the office every 30 minutes getting updates."

Savannah Pilots' dispatchers were being constantly bombarded with phone calls. They are reducing the amount of phone calls by having their schedule posted live to the pilots on their cell phones. This also gives the pilots their freedom back because they don't have to continuously call in to dispatch to see if they have time to do something.

"Now that we have Edoc's system we can easily update our job schedule from any computer," noted Upton. "More importantly, our pilots can access the information by simply going online with their computers or cell phones – they feel like they can use their off time more wisely because they don't have to call into the office all the time. It took us less than a month to get everyone using Helm, and we are already seeing a return on investment. People in the company keep saying 'Why didn't we do this years ago?!'"

Savannah Pilots has already begun to see incredible improvements by saving dispatchers approximately 4 hours in a 12 hour shift. The reduction of phone calls has created a less stressful environment to work in, leading to more accurate data and happier staff. They were up and running on HELM within a month and they did not have to incur any onsite computer costs. "We are very pleased with the result at Savannah Pilots," stated Ron deBruyne, President, Edoc Systems Group Ltd. "We are now looking at implementing this same model in other pilot associations."

***About Savannah Pilots Association***

One of the nation's oldest pilots associations, the Savannah Pilots Association was founded in 1864. The Association has always played an important role in the growth and development of the Savannah port, the Savannah economy and the state of Georgia's economic well-being. From the early days of commerce in the United States to modern day, the Savannah Pilots Association has safely guided vessels on the 25.5 mile journey from the sea into the port of Savannah. There have been many milestones and historic events that have contributed to making the Savannah port an international transportation hub, but one of the most integral components of the port's success has been the professionalism and dedication of the members of the Savannah Pilots Association.

***About Edoc Systems Group Ltd***

Edoc was started with its flagship product HELM Marine Operations Software (formerly TugAssist). HELM centrally stores operational, billing, crewing, maintenance, inventory, and purchasing data for marine-based fleets in order to minimize data entry, streamline data flow, and improve overall operational efficiency. Also included in their software suite is a Ship-to-Shore Communication module and a Customer Data Transfer service. Edoc helps companies in many areas of marine transportation such as harbor work, pilotage, barging, and log transportation. The company can be contacted toll free at 1(866)344-3362 or on the web at [www.edocmarine.com](http://www.edocmarine.com).

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