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### **C4i Ports System Commissioned in Townsville**

**C4i** has successfully commissioned their *SwitchplusIP™* Voice Communications, Command and Control System (VCC&CS) at the new Vessel Traffic System (VTS) centre in Townsville. C4i was awarded the contract in November 2009 with a delivery date of March 2010 for relocation of the Great Barrier Reef Vessel Traffic Service (REEFVTS) to meet Maritime Safety Queensland's project timetable.

The commencement of REEFVTS operations at the new Townsville VTS centre coincided with cyclone Ului crossing the central Queensland coast near the site of the existing REEFVTS Centre at Hay Point. With services reduced at the existing centre, REEFVTS operations were successfully transferred to Townsville within a short timeframe. C4i's VCC&CS played a crucial part in providing voice communications to shipping during and post this transition period.

The VCC&CS uses Voice over IP (VoIP) technology and includes capability to interface to legacy systems in both analogue and digital domains. The system provides an integrated voice command and control management system for boating and shipping traffic along the Great Barrier Reef and in the near future, will provide the same service for the Ports of Townsville, Abbot Point and Lucinda.

"The Townsville system represents C4i's first IP based Port control system and leverages from the many benefits of the IP based technology C4i have already deployed using the *SwitchplusIP™* product. These have been implemented into many mission critical environments including public safety applications, emergency response systems and defence applications around the world." said Peter Harrison, C4i Managing Director.

#### **About C4i.**

For over 20 years, C4i has specialised in delivering standard-setting communication solutions for mission-critical military and government customers around the globe. C4i is based in Melbourne, Australia and Reston, Virginia, USA, and has representatives around the world. C4i is one of the publicly traded LongReach Group companies. A company with a global reach, C4i has the heritage, the knowledge, the commitment and the experience to adapt revolutionary solutions to your critical mission needs.

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