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Company History

H₂O Surveys Limited was set up by James Williams in 2004 to support a growing demand in the 'multibeam' market by providing specialist swathe bathymetry personnel to the global marine survey industry.

After 1 year of successfully completed survey contracts in the USA, UK, Europe and the Far East, James formed an alliance with Roger Stapleton and Ted Andrews from Transition Zone Technology and began trading as Swathe Services. A GeoSwath Plus swathe bathymetry system was acquired and the company began offering a 'turn-key' solution to customers by providing both high resolution survey equipment and experienced operators. Swathe Services rapidly expanded and in December 2005 the offices were moved to Cornwall in Southwest England. By 2006 Swathe Services had earned a solid reputation supplying professional and experienced swathe operators along with the latest swathe bathymetry systems. Contracts were being awarded to provide bathymetry support to a variety of survey companies operating in Europe, Canada, Africa and Asia. The increased demand throughout 2006 resulted in an additional GeoSwath Plus system being acquired along with extra processing licences for GeoSwath and GeoTexture.

Continued growth in 2007 resulted in 2 additional surveyors being employed and the purchase of a 3rd GeoSwath Plus swathe bathymetry system.

In 2008 the offices were relocated to much larger premises in Trematon close to the historic maritime city of Plymouth, England. Logistical equipment was purchased along with additional positioning and bathymetry survey equipment. Software ownership was increased to include QPS's QINSy and QLOUD.

Swathe Services (Australia) Pty Ltd was set up in Adelaide at the start of 2008 and rapidly grew to cater for the increased demand for support of the Australasian region. Neil Hewitt, Operations Director for Australian, brought increased survey capability in the form of multibeam and LiDAR experience.

In 2009 the UK and Australian divisions of Swathe Services continued to expand even through the tough global economic period and by the middle of the year the company had grown to 7 skilled surveyors and 2 administration staff. Additional hydrographic software and equipment was purchased in the form of Hypack 2009 and a Valeport tide gauge.

Swathe Services has supported coastal, offshore and seismic survey companies through project management, consultancy, data acquisition & post processing, survey training and equipment rental & sales support.

Our services have been provided across 4 continents from the Canadian Arctic to Southern Australia. We use high resolution industry accepted equipment and many of our surveyors have successfully completed IHO/FIG CAT A certified hydrographic surveying courses.

Swathe Services is proud of its reputation within the industry and continues to adapt and react to clients needs. The company continues to grow and expand its services and now provides all forms of bathymetric data acquisition and processing including singlebeam, multibeam, swathe, LiDAR and sidescan sonar operations.

