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### **SonTek/YSI Solution Helps Advance Largest-Ever Oceanic Survey**

(San Diego, California): The State Oceanic Administration (SOA) in Beijing is calling it the “908 project” and it is reported to be one of the most extensive oceanic surveys not only to be conducted off the coast of China, but possibly in the history of oceanic investigation.

**SonTek/YSI** is offering one of the key solutions to this important project, with the accompanying support of subsea instrumentation manufacturer, Sonardyne Asia Pte Ltd, Singapore. In addition to access to SonTek/YSI applications expertise, the SOA has invested in 11 bottom-mounted SonTek Acoustic Doppler Profiler (ADP®) systems along with 11 Sonardyne Lightweight Release Transponders (LRTs), which will be secured in trawl-resistant bottom mounts.

This system will allow scientists to engage in real-time current monitoring, collect detailed current surveys and make the most accurate and robust current measurements possible. Scientists will evaluate ADP data and use their findings to help formulate the national oceanic development strategies and make decisions concerning social and economic development of the country's coastal regions.

“It makes sense for SonTek to play a major role in the execution of the 908 Project” said Chris Ward, SonTek’s Global Business Development Manager. “China is an important market for us—we have expertise on the ground and are committed to investing in the region. More importantly, we are pleased to be able to offer SOA a solution that will allow scientists to collect precise data, faster and more efficiently than previously used methods.”

China is the world’s largest seafood and sea-salt producer and third largest marine transporter. The 908 Project is scheduled to conclude in 2009.

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SonTek/YSI, founded in 1992 and advancing environmental science in over 100 countries, manufactures affordable, reliable acoustic Doppler instrumentation for water velocity measurement in oceans, rivers, lakes, harbors, estuaries, and laboratories. Headquarters are located in San Diego, California. Additional information can be found at [www.sontek.com](http://www.sontek.com).