



A YSI Environmental Company

---

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 9, 2006

Contact: Christina Delfin  
1.619.858.8327 ext. 148  
cdelfin@sontek.com

### Current Meter Buying Behavior Indicates Industry Growth in '06

(San Diego, California): It appears it takes more than staying on top of the competition to keep your position as a world leading manufacturer of current monitoring systems. SonTek should know—as its trying to maintain a market stronghold with an unexpected surge in demand for one of its flagship products, the Argonaut-MD.

“Yes, it sounds a bit cliché, but is a problem most businesses would love to have” admits Chris Ward, Global Business Development Manager.

Ward says the popularity of the MD is evident, with over a 100% increase in system sales in 2005, with the same sales trend spilling over into the second quarter of 2006. The Argonaut-MD, is a small, light, 3-D, vector averaging current meter capable of measuring water motion at a “single point” almost anywhere in the ocean. Recent improvements to the product include:

- A high-sensitivity transducer;
- Superior recorder capacity;
- Improved diagnostic capability;
- Solid state compass/tilt sensor.



Ward confirms NOAA recently invested in 120 Argonaut-MDs and international inquiries rise daily.

While part of this demand may have to do with an increase in oceanic monitoring programs over the past few years, Ward says an even greater factor is a customer appetite for sophisticated technology—that is fast, simple and *accurate*—and that SonTek has had to aggressively evolve with expectations of customers.

“We are in a prime position to observe changes within the industry, and in many ways, we can take the credit for being in the drivers seat” says Ward. “If we’re seeing this kind of positive growth that can only mean good things for ocean current and global climate research” Ward concluded.

###

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).



A YSI Environmental Company