

Pole Star shines

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Satellite monitoring outfit is only maritime services firm to win a place in list of the UK's 100 fastest growing private companies.

ONLY one maritime services venture made it into a leading UK newspaper's list of the country's fastest growing private companies, it emerged as the Sunday Times International Track 100 listing prepared to hold its annual awards dinner in London tonight. "It can only be hoped that such wider recognition helps to highlight the importance of anti-piracy measures and that Pole Star, and perhaps others, can track their way further up such international business league tables."

The company, Pole Star Space Applications, provides satellite monitoring systems which include security services to assist in piracy prevention and monitoring. It made it to number 90 in the league table.

Its place in the Sunday Times list was attributed in particular to its 50% year-on-year growth in satellite-enabled ship security alert systems, vessel tracking and counter-piracy services, including a tool that enables coalition forces to respond faster and more effectively to piracy attacks.

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