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**Massachusetts Environmental Firm Celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*Company has consistently provided sustainable and resilient solutions for Coastal Engineering, Applied Ecology and Oceanography since 1986.*

(Falmouth, MA) – Woods Hole Group, Inc. is pleased to announce the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation on May 16, 2016. Since originally founded in 1986 as Aubrey Consulting, Inc., the company has grown and diversified its services while maintaining a consistent corporate headquarters in Falmouth, Massachusetts. Other domestic operations are based in Delaware (Dover), Florida (Jacksonville), and Texas (Houston), and the company maintains representatives in more than 10 countries supporting international activities. Building on early coastal project roots, expertise now includes oceanographic measurement systems and design criteria studies, along with ecological risk and impact assessments. The coastal team's expansion includes wetland habitat restoration and turnkey coastal engineering designs for shore protection projects. In the market for 30 years with 2000+ projects completed, the company has a proven history with sustainable project solutions. An original focus for the company remains today - applying latest technologies and scientific methods to solve real-world problems. For instance, high resolution model simulations of coastal and oceanographic processes using in-house high performance computers were added to the toolkit. The goal is to produce project designs outperforming expectations, providing value to clients, and meeting combined needs of land owners and businesses involved while being sensitive to the environment. Woods Hole Group's experience proves growing economic development can be accomplished in harmony with the environment.

The company recorded one of its best-performing business years in 2015, and looks forward to new challenges and growth opportunities. Key future focus areas include supporting coastal communities, businesses, and transportation authorities in a changing climate with ongoing sea level rise. New infrastructure improvements require reliable design criteria and risk profiles for

50+ years, a time horizon when more frequent and severe coastal flooding is expected. Energy exploration and development is a key focus for Woods Hole Group, including traditional offshore oil & gas, along with renewable sources of power. As energy production moves into deeper water, Woods Hole Group is applying new technologies to provide real-time environmental information at the customer's desktop, such as currents in the deep ocean. This offshore work expands a cornerstone of Woods Hole Group's business supporting port and harbor monitoring systems like NOAA PORTS®. The growing applied ecology and sustainability team unites the coastal and oceanographic teams, encouraging resilient project designs in a changing environment.

More than one-third of the staff members have been with the company for 10+ years, a testament to the stability of the corporation. Bob Hamilton, President of Woods Hole Group who started as a Coastal Engineer with the Company in 1994 says, "We are fortunate to have committed and innovative people who are passionate about their trade. There is strong camaraderie amongst our staff and with our clients that shows in the work products."

The company has a campaign to celebrate 30 years and formulate the path forward. Information about corporate milestones, foundation projects, and key personnel can be found on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary webpage: [http://www.woodsholegroup.com/pages/30th\\_Anniversary.html](http://www.woodsholegroup.com/pages/30th_Anniversary.html).

*About Woods Hole Group:*

*Woods Hole Group is an international, environmental scientific and engineering consulting organization headquartered in Falmouth, Massachusetts. With its breadth of vision and emphasis on a sustainable future global environment, Woods Hole Group provides premier integrated solutions to meet the challenge of environmental problems worldwide. Woods Hole Group's expertise includes: Coastal sciences, engineering & planning; Applied ecology & sustainability; and Oceanography & measurement systems. Woods Hole Group celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 16, 2016. For more information, visit [www.woodsholegroup.com](http://www.woodsholegroup.com).*

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