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DEEPSTORE PROVIDES STORAGE FOR WWI ARCHIVES

DeepStore Records Management, as the approved remote depository for The National Archives, has been entrusted to provide secure storage for a large volume of First World War records.

Documents from the war, which started 100 years ago yesterday, include regimental and individual service records, medical records and medal award index cards and associated files. Copies of original letters to families and loved ones from soldiers serving on the front line are also contained within the collection.

The majority of the records are stored in digital format and can be viewed through The National Archives' First World War website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/firstworldwar, although historians still retrieve hard copies for individual research projects and exhibits.

Craig Trimby, DeepStore's head of sales, said: "DeepStore has been working in partnership with the National Archives since 2003 storing a wide range of items of great historical interest. We are extremely proud to be involved with such important documents, especially in this centenary year of the start of WWI."

The records are stored under tightly controlled environmental conditions in the DeepStore facility, which is based in Britain's largest salt mine in Winsford, Cheshire.

Part of the Compass Minerals group, DeepStore developed the underground storage facility from the space left following the extraction of millions of tonnes of rock salt from sister company Salt Union's mine.

The mine, 150 metres below ground, is ideal for storing documents as it has consistent temperature and humidity levels that meet the specifications of British Standard PD5454. Its storage areas also are naturally free from ultraviolet light, vermin and flooding.

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DeepStore Records Management

DeepStore has more than 1,000 security-minded public and private sector clients, including pharmaceutical, legal and financial organisations as well as police forces and the healthcare industry.

DeepStore already operates vault space the size of 700 football pitches. Items under current management equate to 3.25 million cubic feet. Importantly, the area under DeepStore's control continues to grow as a million tonnes of salt is mined every year.

DeepStore offers a one-stop-shop of records management services including:

- Traditional Hard Copy Box/File/Paper Storage and Records Management Services;
- Magnetic Media Storage and Services and Other High Value and Alternative Media Storage;
- EDRM (Electronic Document Records Management) or Scanning/Imaging;
- Confidential Shredding and Destruction Services;
- Software for the Tracking of Document & Magnetic Media Services;
- Integration of the Existing client Software packages.

DeepStore is associated with a number of records management professional bodies, including: PRISM Professional Records and Information Services Management – www.prismintl.org; Information and Records Management Society – www.irms.org.uk; and ARA <http://www.archives.org.uk/>

DeepStore was formed as a company early in 1998 and was a joint venture between Compass Minerals Inc., which is the owner and operator of Winsford Rock Salt Mine, and Onyx Environmental Group plc. In November 2006, the joint venture was dissolved and Compass Minerals UK Ltd assumed 100 per cent ownership and control of DeepStore Ltd. Compass Minerals UK Ltd is part of the Compass Minerals Group, a worldwide leader in the extraction, production and distribution of inorganic minerals. Compass Minerals Group companies include North American Salt Company (the 3rd largest salt producer in the world), Great Salt Lake Minerals Corporation (the largest producer of Sulphate of Potash in North America), Sifto Canada Inc. and Salt Union Ltd. Compass Minerals (NYSE) had sales of \$1.3 billion in 2013 and is committed to growing the DeepStore business.

DeepStore acquired London-based document storage firm acquired Edes Document Management Services in 2007. DeepStore's 74 direct employees operate across the company's three sites and clients benefit with access to Plus Central Resource from Salt Union Ltd. and parent company Compass Minerals.

For further information about DeepStore please visit www.deepstore.com