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PLENTY MORE IN STORE AS DEEPSTORE REACHES 2M+ MILESTONE

One of the UK's best known storage providers, DeepStore Records Management, is celebrating a milestone having reached over 2 million boxes of assets, which are stored within Britain's largest salt mine.

The company, which is part of the Compass Minerals group, set up in Winsford, Cheshire, in 1998, is now aiming to increase the number of boxes it stores to 3.5 million in the next 12 months. It already operates vault space the size of 700 football pitches with items under current management equating to 3.25 million cubic feet.

DeepStore has more than 1,000 public and private sector clients including the National Archives and the Royal Society, as well as pharmaceutical, legal and financial organisations, police forces and the healthcare industry.

It created 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.

"We're excited that DeepStore has reached its current level of activity and more is yet to come," says Craig Trimby, DeepStore's head of sales.

"This year will see the company taking over space for yet another 1 million boxes, taking DeepStore's capacity to more than 4 million boxes, or 5.2 million cubic feet," added Mr Trimby. "We have the capacity to expand to over 500 million cubic feet so there will never be a shortage of space."

The company is committed to a total storage solution for its customers with over-ground storage facilities in the Bow and Wallington areas near London. Clients of DeepStore's door-to-door nationwide service have also benefited in the past year from a scan-on-demand service.

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DeepStore Records Management

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 the Business Archive Council – www.businessarchivescouncil.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.