



construction companies maintain contact with personnel in the field – particularly in remote or politically ‘sensitive’ regions. We also have an Aeronautical Communication Service that offers 24-hour air-to-ground radio telephone contact.

### The satellite link

Since the advent of satellite communications, Portishead has placed its expertise at the disposal of ships equipped with **Inmarsat** terminals. All the extra facilities which require the assistance of one of our Radio Officers, such as **Phonetex**, **Voicebank**, **Radiotelex Letter and Greetings card**, are available via Portishead. We also act as the assistance centre for **Skyphone**, the aeronautical satellite service.

Whether by satellite or terrestrial radio, by land, sea or air, Portishead offers the complete world-wide service.



### Meeting new needs

The Portishead Communications Centre is dedicated to keeping abreast of our users’ needs and evolving a service that gives them a valuable, competitive edge.

Weather bulletins, navigational warnings, Rigmoves and other vital information is available to any telex user via **Databank**, a new information system developed by British Telecom.

Another service we’ve developed is the long range communications service called **Gateway**. Gateway was created to help land-based organisations like embassies, relief agencies, mining, oil or

