

About Us

The Qwest Forensics team has decades of experience in carrying out sensitive and discreet investigations across more than 50 countries, on the ground if necessary. We provide a range of specialist, intelligence led services to assist your business and provide a strong evidence base to support your case if things have gone wrong. Our clients include ship owners, operators and insurers, P&I clubs, UK and international law firms, energy companies, financial institutions, and commodity traders, among others.

Why Choose Us?

Uniquely, we believe, we offer a personal service with fresh (not off the shelf) evidential standard reporting against every enquiry and, whilst offering a range of standard products, are able to tailor these to client need. We also offer dependable support and advice at every stage of an investigation.

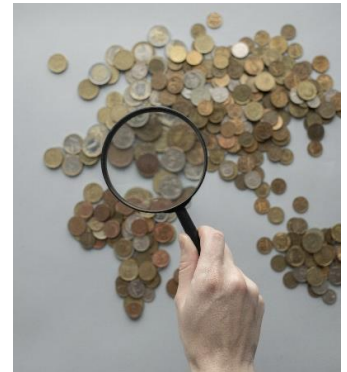
Our team of former UK law enforcement professionals holds significant expertise in financial investigation, intelligence analysis, fraud prevention, covert operations and complex crime investigation including drugs.

We understand the nature of criminality and are experts in problem analysis and resolution.



Our Services

- Enhanced due diligence and KYC
- Asset tracing investigation
- Maritime intelligence
- Drugs and sanctions investigations
- Personal injury claims investigation
- Site security surveys and advice
- Cyber and digital forensics
- Surveillance and intelligence gathering



Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD) & Know Your Client (KYC)

Real-time EDD and KYC investigations to help clients determine the credentials of their counterpart and make informed business decisions.

Asset Tracing Investigations

The identification, locating and tracing of realisable counterparty assets to inform the merits of legal action, aid negotiation or assist in the enforcement of financial awards.

Scope of Investigations & Reporting

Investigations comprise background checks and vetting using open and closed sources not readily available to clients. This typically includes sanctions checks; credit checks (time permitting); confirmation of company incorporation or status, current shareholdings and beneficial ownership; trading history; information on legal or judicial proceedings; business, market or media reporting; and the provision of corporate, business and financial data. For Asset Tracing, the particular focus is on the identification of realisable assets.

Stage 1 and Stage 2 Investigations

For both EDD / KYC and Asset Tracing, we offer two levels of investigation. A Stage 1 enquiry reports on the person, organisation or vessel the client has indicated, but also identifies linked entities that may be of further interest. A Stage 2 enquiry investigates those relevant additional entities, so the fullest picture is obtained.

Testimonials

A Senior Claims Handler recently remarked: 'Qwest were...appointed to carry out an asset investigation for a big corporate company with complex structure. They responded promptly... and their investigation report was clear and very comprehensive. It thoroughly identified and commented on the company's corporate data, various subsidiaries and associated vessels, information which was proven to be extremely helpful, as it pointed us to the right assets against which we could pursue an attachment to protect our clients' interests'.

A P&I Club Head of Claims remarked: 'Qwest Forensics provided valuable assistance, detailed reporting and expert analysis in relation to an international missing seaman investigation. They were responsive and diligent, suggesting novel avenues of enquiry in support of overseas authorities.'



Maritime Intelligence

We offer a range of services to assist our clients operating in the marine sector. These include AIS tracking/monitoring, analysis of suspicious vessel activities and sailing patterns, cable and energy pipeline breach investigations, and sanctions investigations against individuals, companies and vessels. We also offer anti-drug smuggling, and port security advice and surveys, along with the investigation of drugs/contraband incidents, shipping delay cases, accidents in port, and maritime based personal injury or death claims.



Surveillance & Intelligence Gathering

We have access to surveillance capabilities to assist our clients around the world, with recent cases having involved authentication of personal injury insurance claims, assessment of port security effectiveness and asset monitoring. Fees for surveillance and intelligence gathering work are dependent on task complexity and reflect the level of associated personal and corporate risk.

Affidavit & Exhibit Handling

The former UK law enforcement professionals within our team are experienced in the current protocols for exhibit handling and documentation. We also offer an affidavit recording service, providing statements of evidence which can be used to support court cases around the world.

Our Recent Work

Work recently completed for clients has included:

'On behalf of a P&I club and its member, we investigated a claim for damage against a vessel by a cargo terminal'.

AIS interrogation, identification of vessel movements and review of historical port and traffic information, leading to the claim value being substantially reduced.

'Missing seaman investigation on behalf of a P&I Club and its member'

Review of known facts and provision of an investigation plan to help the client determine the merits of an associated life claim.

'Asset investigation into Belize shipowner on behalf of London lawyers'

Successful identification of potential assets and related companies against which enforcement action could be taken.

'Asset investigation into a Hong Kong shipowner on behalf of a P&I club and its member'.

Successful identification of potential assets against which an arbitration award could be enforced.

'A personal injury claim investigation, on behalf of a P&I club and its cruise ship owner member'.

Enquiry into injury claim advanced by a passenger, including background and financial checks, as well as an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the alleged injury. Our findings provided grounds to resist the claim.

'A series of Enhanced Due Diligence investigations on behalf of a shipowner client'.

Investigation and report on financial and corporate standing of potential counterparties prior to fixing. Detailed findings materially assisted the client in their decision making.

'Contraband drugs investigation on behalf of law firm and their client'

An international deployment to assist in establishing liability for the illicit introduction of narcotics into a bulk cargo shipment.

Timescales

Our turnaround time for Asset Tracing is typically 3-5 Working Days for Stage 1 and 7-14 Working Days for Stage 2. For EDD/KYC it's 24hrs -3 Working Days for Stage 1 and by negotiation for Stage 2. Other types of investigation are by negotiation with the client.

Contact Us

For any type of investigation, please speak to us on a commitment free basis and we will assist wherever possible. We welcome the opportunity to discuss bespoke offerings, both in terms of scope of investigation and pricing.

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