ASAP Report for 2011 (South Africa)

a.	Catalogue of ASAP vessels in 2011	(see Appendix 3):
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b.	Major challenges and difficulties:					
Due 1	Due to increased prices in helium gas, it is not possible to do ascents throughout the year.					

b. Other comments:

We will continue with the program where possible even if it means cutting down on ascents during certain voyages.

d. ASAP Performance									
Callsign	Total number of sondes launched	Number of TEMP SHIP transmitted	Number of relaunches	Average terminal sounding height (km)	Balloon size (gm)	Percentage on GTS (see note)			
ZSAF	25	24	2	15	350	N/A			

Percentage on the GTS is the ratio of reports received against reports transmitted, and is based upon reports received at a data centre or GTS insertion point (name)

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1 ASAP units operated during the year on 1 ships

Type of ship (1)	Ship name	Callsign	Comms method (2)	Windfind method / sonde type (3)	Launch method (4)	Launch height (5)	Area of operation (6)	ASAP unit ID No.
Research	SA Agulhas	ZSAF	SAT-C	GPS/Vaisala RS92- SGP	Deck/Manual	15m	South Atlantic	N/A

- (1) Type of ship: Merchant, research, supply
- (2) Comms method: Inmarsat C or others
- (3) Windfind method / sonde type: eg. GPS/Vaisala RS80-G, Loran/Vaisala RS80-L, VIZ GPS Mark II Microsonde, etc (4) Launch method: deck launcher (portable), deck launcher (fixed), container (manual), container (semi automatic), other
- (5) Launch height: height above sea level from where the sonde is released
- (6) Ocean area: North Pacific, North Atlantic, Indian Ocean, variable