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1. GENERAL OCEAN NEWS

1.a) WET LABS AND SEA-BIRD ANNOUNCE ACQUISITION

WET Labs' President Casey Moore and Sea-Bird Electronics' President Norge Larson announced today that WET Labs has been acquired by Sea-Bird Electronics. WET Labs and Sea-Bird are the world leaders in optical biogeochemical and physical oceanographic sensors, respectively.

"This is a great opportunity." Moore said, "We've always worked closely with Sea-Bird and this is a natural progression in our relationship. This step will provide big benefits for our product quality, our ability to serve our customers, and our ability to adapt to more comprehensive monitoring requirements"

Day to day operations at WET Labs will not change, however both Moore and Larson expect that the two firms will work more closely on some of the more collaborative efforts in which they are currently engaged. "Our overriding goal - to provide the marine sciences community with the highest quality products available hasn't changed at all," Dr. Larson said. "We see our two companies joining together very much in line with this singular objective."

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1.b) DOF SUBSEA USA AWARDED BOP RECOVERY OPERATIONS CONTRACT IN INDIA

DOF Subsea USA has been awarded a contract by Boots & Coots, Inc. for the provision of DP II construction vessel for a BOP recovery operation in the Bay of Bengal, India.

DOF Subsea will be utilizing the Company's vessel MV Geoholm outfitted with 2 XLS work-class ROVs, survey and subsea intervention services to assist the drill rig in regaining access to the well via the BOP. The intention is to safely plug and abandon the well before recovering the BOP. Marco Sclocchi, President of DOF Subsea USA, states, "This is a significant win for the DOF Group ensuring asset utilization and exposure of DOF subsea vessels to new clients in a rapidly growing region. It is especially important for DOF Subsea USA which will be responsible for the management of the vessel from Houston, thereby facilitating the expansion of its local expertise in project management, vessel operation and subsea intervention to fulfil the project requirement."

The DOF Subsea Group is a specialist subsea service business that provides subsea construction, engineering, IRM, ROV and survey services to the world's major subsea markets. The Company owns state of the art equipment including 18 construction support vessels, 24 ROVs, 1 AUV and 11 diving spreads. The enables DOF Subsea to offer differentiated positions with its clients and work in long term relationships, which enhance service delivery and reduces overall risk.

In support of its growing global business, an extensive new build programme is currently underway with 8 new vessels and -10 new Triton XLX ROVs schedules for delivery during 2010/2011.

For more information please visit www.dofsubsea.com

1.c) NEW NAVIMODEL DTM SOFTWARE FROM EIVA

EIVA is proud to announce the release of the new NaviModel software for ocean mapping, data analysis and interpretation. The software provides intuitive 3D visualization of infinite survey data sets by import of multiple data formats and sources using user defined templates.

NaviModel includes features for data cleaning either manually or through use of advanced semi or fully automated tools as well as creation of own filters by use of plug-in function. Digital terrain models (DTM) are displayed in real-time fly-through fashion featuring different color modes and palettes in addition to adjustment of light source.

Difference models and volume calculations are visualized by coloring the resulting DTM in difference modes. Terrain manipulation is performed by leveling out depth differences between lines by skewing lines toward an average surface representation. Special pipe line modeling capabilities comprise pipe and flag editing in real-time 3D environment and support of export formats including SITRAS through user defined templates.

NaviModel further provides special facilities by which it is possible to match DTM, video and events and thus visualize run-line, ROV track, pipeline, flags, events and DTM all in the same 3D environment. Moreover NaviModel provides tools for automatic export of data in terms of shaded reliefs, soundings, contours, bathymetry, longitudinal and cross profiles, etc. as well as export directly to AutoCad supporting content in relevant layers.

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1.d) LYMTECH RELEASE 8 NEW PRODUCTS AT OI 2010

Lymtech products have been featured at Oceanology for over 25 years, 2010 is the first time the company has exhibited at the conference under its own brand name as the designer of many hardware and software systems. Lymtech will be hosting its manufacturing partners Ohmex and Seafloor Systems to help introduce a range of products for shallow water hydrographic and navigation applications, featured on the stand (R175) will be eight new or updated products.

Navigational systems will include the AIS M8, the portable system to be shown running at the booth using a Trimble Tablet PC, the handheld unit will be receiving live AIS data from all vessels in the docklands area and will display data over an ECDIS chart of the area around Excel. The AIS TideMet, a completely integrated AIS meteorological station using the L3 Aid to Navigation unit with integral weather and tide measurements transmitted over AIS channels to all marine users within 25Km range. The upgraded TideM8 tide gauge now with water temperature measurement, internal precision real time clock and integrated flash memory for up to 10 years continuous data logging. This tide gauge can use a pressure, ultrasonic or radar sensor to measure tidal height ranges of up to 20m. The new Airmar PB150 weather sensor features solid state measurement of wind speed/direction, barometric pressure, air temperature, relative humidity, magnetic compass, tilt sensors and integrated DGPS all in a small fist sized IP68 housing. Linked to the TideMet is a new custom version of the very low power K band radar sensor for non-contact measurement of tide height and derived significant wave height information.

Hydrographic survey equipment displayed will feature the HydroLite RTK, a new development of the HydroLite SOAS (Survey on a Stick) concept using a Tablet PC to collect data from a SonarMite Bluetooth echo sounder and Trimble SPS822 Smart Antenna GPS system. The HydroLite X7 is a new variant of the lite SOAS system using an X7 mobile device from Handheld Computers with integrated DGPS, Pitch/roll gravity sensors, GSM Phone, Bluetooth, WiFi, Magnetic Compass, precision pressure sensor and camera. The updated SonarMite V3 portable survey echo sounder with new smaller die cast aluminium case, 12 hour rechargeable NiMh batteries and output emulation of four other standard echo sounders. All software packages including SonarVista and SonarMite survey software packages are now tested for use with latest Windows 7 PC and Mobile 6 PDA devices.

For more information visit www.ohmex.com www.seafloorsystems.com www.lmtech.co.uk

1.e) ANNUAL RENEWABLE COMMERCIAL RIGID HULL INFLATABLE BOAT (RIB) HIRE, WITH MAINTENANCE PACKAGE

In addition to the normal RIB Charter packages on offer from King Marine Ltd., they now offer an annually renewable contract with full maintenance back up. Until now, the Charter options have been the usual 'Bare Boat' or 'With Crew' offered for relatively short periods. The latest offer is to build boats to match the requirements of each client. For some this includes a cabin with electronics suite designed to take their survey equipment, others for passenger comfort such as W.C., suspension seating, and vending machine. Divers require bottle racks, compressors, etc. King Marine Ltd. cover the servicing and keep the vessels in class. With this package, the boats are replaced at regular intervals in order to maintain reliability. The charterer is relieved of a good deal of the expense and wasted man hours involved with keeping the vessels in operational order.

The idea has been adapted from the Company Car leasing arrangements and has been taken further. With this package, it is now easier to produce accurate predicted cash flows, reducing the 'guesstimating' as to how much should be allowed for running boats, depreciation, etc.

For clients, such as the Police and sailing schools, King Marine Ltd. provide courtesy boats whilst the regular vessels are undergoing repair, service or re-coding.

All the RIBs supplied by King Marine Ltd., be they 5 metre open Safety Boats right through to 11 metre Cabin Patrol boats, are accordingly Coded to Maritime and Coastguard regulations for their areas of operation.

For further information the web site is www.kingmarine.eu or you can email chris@kingmarine.eu

1.f) ODIM MVPTM300 TO NAVOCEANO

ODIM Brooke Ocean has received an order for an ODIM MVPTM300 from the US Naval Oceanographic Office.

The United States Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO - www.navo.navy.mil) has submitted an order for an ODIM MVP™300 system. This is the second of the ODIM MVP™300 units that NAVOCEANO has acquired. The systems are being installed on the T-AGS 60 class multi-mission oceanographic vessels capable of effectively performing operations satisfying a broad spectrum of oceanographic requirements.

The multi-sensor, multi-purpose system configuration will consist of an ODIM MVPTM300 with an AML micro CTD and SVP&T installed on a Dual Sensor Free Fall Fish. The system will assist NAVOCEANO in the acquisition of on-the-fly real-time water column information for various purposes including calibration of multibeam sonar.

Valued by maritime interests worldwide, NAVOCEANO acquires and analyzes global ocean and littoral data to provide specialized, operationally significant products and services for defense and civilian, national and international customers.

For more information visit www.brooke-ocean.com

1.g) MSI AWARDED LONG TERM DEEPWATER CURRENT MEASUREMENT CONTRACT OFFSHORE UK

MSI is pleased to announce that it was recently awarded a minimum 12 month current measurement programme by Chevron North Sea Ltd for a location in the Rosebank Field, West of Shetlands. Chevron required through column current measurements to be acquired to support their planning, engineering design, construction and installation of potential future production facilities for Rosebank.

The measurement location is in 1,100m water depth and requires measurements not only throughout the entire water column, but also within 20m of the sea surface and within 10m of the seabed. MSI therefore designed a single 900m mooring comprising a combination of TRDI 75kHz Longranger ADCP, several Nortek Aquadopp single point current meters and an RBR water level recorder (see Figure 1).

The project was mobilized in Aberdeen in January, with the mooring being deployed during a small weather window identified through weather forecasts received from Aerospace and Marine International, one of MSI's collaborative partners.

The mooring was deployed from the vessel MV Sea Tiger and went smoothly, with all operations being conducted to MSI's usual high QHSE standards. The first servicing of the mooring is scheduled for May 2010.

Speaking on behalf of MSI, Sidney Bilski explained "We are very pleased to be awarded this contract as this is our first with Chevron North Sea Ltd and, although we already work in the North Sea, this is the first time we have mobilised out of Aberdeen. We have successfully conducted projects in 27 countries since our inception and this yet again proves that we remain competitive regardless of where the work is located"

For additional information visit www.metoceanservices.com or e-mail info@metoceanservices.com

1.h) ROGER SCRIVENS TO RUN LONDON 10K FOR CHARITY

RS Aqua Ltd proprietor, Roger Scrivens, has entered the field for the London 10k run which will be held on Sunday 11th July. Roger tells us that he is running to raise funds for the charity Epilepsy Bereaved where he is now a Trustee. He and wife Sandie, lost their youngest daughter Becky to SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy) in May 2004 when she was just 3 months from her 12th birthday. You can read Becky's story at www.rsaqua.co.uk/epilepsy_bereaved.php

At the time of the run, Roger will be 3 months short of his 65th birthday and is following a strict training programme (presently 4km per night three times a week) to ensure he is up to the task on the day. Interestingly (?), the same day will see the British F1 GP at Silverstone and the football World Cup final in South Africa. Roger says he hopes to be back home in time to watch these two events "on the sofa".

The run involves some of London's best known landmarks as it starts at Hyde Park Corner, follows the Embankment to the Tower of London, crosses the Thames at Westminster Bridge, and circuits Parliament Square before concluding in Whitehall. However, Roger does not expect to be spending much time sightseeing!

Further details can be found in the News and Events sections of the RS Aqua website at www.rsaqua.co.uk and Roger will be delighted to chat about the project with visitors to the forthcoming Oi10 show in London.

Donations to support Roger's efforts can be made via his Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/Roger-Scrivens

1.i) TRITECH'S GEMINI 720I IMAGING SONAR REDUCES OPERATION TIME FOR MARINE SERVICES

The latest breakthrough in multibeam technology, Trittech's Gemini 720i imaging sonar, is proving its worth within the harsh environment of the Southern North Sea (SNS).

Marine Subsea (UK) Ltd (formally TS Marine) recently underwent an abandonment* campaign in SNS locations where the shallow water depth, low visibility and strong currents provided a challenging environment for this type of work.

Gemini 720i's fast update rate and high resolution imaging contributed to Marine Services' reduced operations time, during Phase 1 of the campaign.

Gemini 720i's real-time imaging provided an excellent viewing platform to assist with the deployment of the Baker Hughes Well Head Abandonment Straddle Packer tool and the subsequent plugging of the well, to comply with Oil & Gas UK guidelines.

Gemini 720i was deployed on a Perry Slingsby XLS 150hp workclass ROV, supplied by underwater vehicle contractor Specialist Subsea Services (formally Oceanteam Subsea Services). The sonar's integrated sound velocity sensor and high resolution imaging provided the sharpest image with accurate ranging. This gave the ROV pilot a higher level of awareness in poor flying conditions. Gemini 720i's wide 120° field of view allowed the ROV pilots to fly the vehicle into confined spaces with greater confidence.

Grant Cowie, Subsea Team Leader, Marine Subsea (UK LTD) commented: "Gemini 720i has a greater and improved acoustic range and resolution capability compared to other multibeam sonars in the same class. Gemini's real-time capabilities allowed us to dramatically reduce operations time during phase one of our abandonment campaign in SNS."

Dave McKay, Divisional Director – ROV, Specialist Subsea Services also commented: "As an ROV contractor, we look to enhance our vehicles with the most efficient underwater tools, including sonar technology. Our pilots were extremely impressed with the operation of the Gemini 720i sonar and were able to maintain high quality service efficiency for our clients in near zero visibility conditions."

For more information, please visit: <http://www.tritech.co.uk/products/products-multibeam.htm> or contact the Sales Team on +44 (0) 1224 744111 or email: sales@tritech.co.uk

1.j) APPLIED ACOUSTICS DEBUT DOUBLE AT OI

Applied Acoustics will be exhibiting their range of subsea tracking and seismic survey equipment at Oceanology this year with two new editions to the line up. Complementing the series of Easytrak USBL tracking systems will be a new small, compact version and adding to the CSP seismic energy sources, will be a powerful 12kJ unit. Both new products will be seen for the first time at the exhibition in March.

The company has been designing and manufacturing high-tech subsea acoustic products for over twenty years and the new tracking system, known as Easytrak Alpha, is following on only shortly after the launch of the Easytrak Nexus in 2009. The Nexus, with its spread spectrum technology, is a rugged rack-mount system able to track up to 10 target beacons, while Alpha meets the need of limited operations such as small ROV surveys or basic diver tracking.

For deeper water sub-bottom profiling surveys, Applied Acoustics now offer a 12kJ power source, the latest and largest of their range of CSP power supplies. Housed in a 21U robust case, it is ideal for use in marine sparker operations, specifically with the multi-tip Delta Sparker, and will be used in higher penetration or geohazard assessment.

Commenting on the two new products, Sales Manager Gavin Willoughby said, "I'm delighted to be showing off two excellent new products which add to our extensive range. We're dedicated to providing our customers with the latest technological designs as well as a truly versatile range and these products represent further proof of our commitment."

For more information visit www.appliedacoustics.com or email smeeken@appliedacoustics.com

1.k) GEO-DEVELOPMENT SERVICES RELEASES ITS SMART REMOTE MONITORING SERVICE

Geo-Development Services (GDS) has released its web-based SMART (System Monitoring And Remote Telemetry) service for providing secure access to monitor, record and trigger alarms from unmanned equipment installed in remote locations.

The SMART system provides the user with on-line analysis of equipment status and whether an event has been triggered. In the event that an alarm is triggered the system will send an e-mail or SMS message to the user to advise equipment status, required maintenance visit, security breach or an emergency has occurred.

The online reporting provides the user with time-series plots and raw data of the monitored parameters. The recorded data can be downloaded, e-mailed or streamed to the user for further reporting and analysis. GDS provide the hardware, the sensors and the managed services that enable cost-effective remote monitoring using wireless communications technology. Depending upon the location this can be via GSM/GPRS or Satellite networks or even a combination of both for mobile equipment where 100% global coverage is demanded.

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1.l) STEVENS AND TNO TO COLLABORATE ON MARITIME SECURITY

Memorandum of Understanding means Long-term Research for Underwater Sciences

Recognizing the strategic opportunity to form a long term research relationship and become recognized research leaders in the underwater sciences and engineering and port and maritime security, the Stevens Institute of Technology recently entered into an agreement with TNO Defence Security and Safety.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the university and the Netherlands based research organization has the potential to create joint initiatives in the fields of underwater sciences and engineering and port and maritime security, including sensing techniques and sensor performance analysis. The MOU works to enable effective collaboration on research and education and pursuit of new funding opportunities. "Stevens Institute of Technology and TNO each have extraordinary technical expertise and experience in dealing with the numerous challenges facing our maritime community. The partnership also brings together organizations that work closely with two of the most important ports in the world - Stevens with the Port of

New York and New Jersey, and TNO with the Port of Rotterdam,” said Michael Bruno Dean of the Charles V. Schaefer, Jr. School of Engineering and Science at Stevens. “My colleagues and I look forward to the challenging work that lies ahead.”

TNO is an independent research organization whose expertise and research make an important contribution to the competitiveness of companies and organizations, to the economy and to the quality of society as a whole. TNO’s unique position is attributable to its versatility and capacity to integrate this knowledge.

The objective of the MOU is to establish a mutually beneficial, cooperative relationship between TNO and Stevens to allow them to individually and mutually improve the following activities:

- Develop an internationally recognized research capability in underwater sciences and engineering and port and maritime security.
- Develop applied research opportunities and application areas for underwater sciences and engineering and port and maritime security.
- Pursue joint internal research and development proposals and collaborate throughout the proposal lifecycle
- Explore internships and participation of faculty, research staff, and students in relevant sponsored activities at each organization.

TNO Defence, Security and Safety provide innovative contributions to the advance of comprehensive security and is a strategic partner of the Dutch Ministry of Defence to build up the defence knowledge-base. TNO employ their acquired knowledge for and together with contractors.

TNO focus on Defence in the broadest sense of the word and our involvement covers a range of activities: military operations, military equipment, command & control and operational decision making, threat and protection, instruction and training. In the area of Security and Safety, the emphasis lies on combating crime, calamity and terrorism. TNO also works for the aviation and maritime sectors, markets in which their knowledge can be of good use. In terms of aviation, TNO concentrate largely on improving safety while for the maritime sector focus on naval architecture. TNO collaborate with the defence industry and with small and medium-sized enterprises to develop innovative solutions.

For more information, please visit www.TNO.nl

2. EVENT, TRAINING & DEMONSTRATION NEWS

2.a) SUT CONFIRM SUBSEA AWARENESS COURSE 26-30 APRIL 2010 KUALA LUMPUR

A Subsea Awareness Course will be held at Parkroyal Kuala Lumpur Hotel, Jalan Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur. This four and half day Course has been designed to be suitable for contractors, engineers, operators and those new to the offshore industry, those transferring from other disciplines within the industry and those who have worked in subsea previously but would benefit from a refresher course and exposure to the latest technology. Whilst most of the course will be presented in a ‘classroom’ environment, the sessions will be interactive, with the opportunity to ask questions and discuss what has been learnt.

For further information, or to register for the course, please contact Joyce Bremner j.bremner@sut.org

3. WHO’S ON THE MOVE?

3.a) EdgeTech -ORE Offshore Continue Expansion with Addition to Senior Staff

EdgeTech and ORE Offshore are pleased to announce the addition of Doug McGowen to their senior staff in the role of Director, New Business Development. Mr. McGowen will work out of the company’s West Wareham facility and will focus on new products, market sectors and applications for the EdgeTech and ORE businesses.

Prior to joining EdgeTech-ORE, Doug was employed in the technology sector for 10 years before transitioning into the underwater technology market 8 years ago. During those 8 years he worked in many different areas of the business including sales, marketing, team leadership, project management and new product introduction. He brings with him a wealth of product experience covering acoustic modems,

acoustic releases, hydrophones, acoustic transponders and relocation devices as well as side scan sonar. Most recently Doug was employed with Teledyne Benthos in the role of Director of Sales & Marketing.

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4. JOB POSTINGS