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1. GENERAL OCEAN NEWS

1.a) FLOTATION TECHNOLOGIES RECEIVES REGISTERED SUPPLIER STATUS FROM PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A.

Flotation Technologies, Inc., who engineer, design and manufacture deepwater buoyancy and polyurethane elastomer systems, recently announced it has received its Certificate of Register and Registration Classification (CRCC) as an approved supplier for Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. (NYSE: PBR), one of Brazil's leading international energy companies. Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. is commonly known as Petrobras.

Flotation Technologies worked in conjunction with Daslik do Brazil to obtain this coveted recognition. With this certification, Flotation Technologies is positioned to earn new business opportunities based on its products, engineering diversity and unparalleled customer service. For more information, visit www.petrobras.com.br or www.flotec.com

1.b) CONTROS HYDROC METHANE SENSOR FOR COMANCHE ROV

RS Aqua Ltd, report that they have delivered a model HydroC methane sensor to Sub-Atlantic Ltd, Aberdeen, a member of the Triton Group. The HydroC oil & gas sensor range is manufactured by Contros GmbH Kiel, Germany (www.contros.eu) and includes instruments for the detection of hydrocarbons, methane, oil in water, MEG and CO₂. The supplied unit is a 6000m rated, Titanium housed version which Sub-Atlantic will be integrating to one of their Comanche small work-class ROV systems.

The HydroC is robust, compact, stable and flexible (measuring ranges and data output facilities) and is finding an ever expanding global user base within both the offshore oil & gas and ocean research markets. Typical applications include leak detection (offshore industry) and methane hydrate exploration (research and offshore). Visit www.rsagua.co.uk for further information or contact product specialist David Goldsmith at d.goldsmith@rsagua.co.uk for assistance and pricing.

1.c) CURRENT, WAVE, TIDE AND SEA LEVEL DATA AVAILABLE

The Marine Environmental Data Action Group (MEDAG) recently announced that they have published a GIS application that catalogues available tide and sea level data around the UK coast giving timescales, instrument, contact and other details. This compliments a catalogue of wave data, and a previously released DVD that contains over 4000 current meter data series and the software to explore and extract those data. Follow the links from the MEDAG homepage <http://www.oceannet.org/medag/index.html> to gain access to these data resources, or contact enquiries@oceannet.org for further details.

1.d) FASTWAVE TO PROVIDE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS AND SUPPORT FOR AUSTRALIAN OCEAN GLIDER FLEET

The Australian National Facility for Ocean Gliders is a program funded by the Australian Government to deploy a fleet of advanced robotic "Ocean Gliders" for oceanographic research.

Ocean Gliders are autonomous underwater vehicles which move vertically and horizontally by adjusting their volume to weight ratio using a pair of fixed wings to steer to depths of up to 2000m. They can record temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen and chlorophyll with depth. When the glider is at the surface, it fixes its position via GPS and relays the data collected via the Iridium Satellite system to a shore station and can also receive commands.

The program will have a fleet of gliders operating across Australia starting in Jan 2008 and will be in operation almost continuously until June 2011. The Iridium Satellite System provides global, highly reliable, power efficient communications for autonomous, mobile applications such as the Ocean Glider program. The Iridium system enables near real-time data transfer from remote sensors located anywhere on land, sea or in the air. This makes it especially suitable for large scale oceanographic research programs.

Fastwave Communications is an authorised Iridium Value Added Manufacturer, and already provides satellite telemetry services and support for oceanographic research projects conducted by the Australian Commonwealth Science, Industry and Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australian Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) and the University of Western Australia. For further information contact Nick Daws, T +618 9284 1188, E nick@fastwave.com.au or go to www.fastwave.com.au

1.e) TRIUMPH FOR THE ENGINEERING BUSINESS

The Engineering Business (EB) has been recognised as the Fastest Growing Large Company in North East England, and become the overall winner of 'Fastest Growing Company in North East England 2007'.

"Winning the award for being the fastest growing LARGE company is something that we would never have dreamt of five years ago when there were just 30 in the EB team," says Dr Tony Trapp, the company's managing director. "We are delighted to have officially joined the rank of 'large companies'! As a company we have not been afraid to take on ever larger and challenging projects and this award is recognition of the achievements of our growing team. "EB is passionate about engineering and the innovative solutions we design for our clients in the offshore oil and gas, marine defence and offshore renewable energy industries. Equally I am a passionate believer in the strength of the creative and talented team at EB; and – looking just slightly further afield – in the strength and resourcefulness of the North East supply chain that we make use of whenever possible."

Each year 'The Journal', Ward Hadaway and Durham Business School assess the 'Fastest 50 Growing Companies in North East England; The awards were presented at a ceremony at the Baltic Centre by Nick Brown MP, Minister for the NE Region.

The Engineering Business has an order book of £50 million for innovative and large pieces of equipment to be delivered to the offshore oil and gas industry over the course of the next two years; and there are other challenges already in the pipeline. They have been actively recruiting and now have 150 people working at the company, predominantly graduate professional engineers. Further information can be obtained from Toby Bailey at The Engineering Business on +44 (0) 1434 682800

1.f) STRATEGIC ACQUISITION INCREASES ODIM AFTER SALES & SERVICE CAPACITY

ODIM has today announced plans to acquire Ulsteinvik-based DIMO for NOK 36 million to strengthen after sales and service capacity within the organisation. "Continued growth within all market areas, has resulted in increased activity in the After Sales and Service division, both nationally and internationally. This acquisition pro-actively adds substantial capacity and expertise to help realise the full potential within this important market area", says ODIM CEO Jogeir Romestrand. The rapid growth of ODIM solutions on the global fleet of vessels over the past few years along with a strong order backlog support the strategic initiative of building a strong international network that can satisfy service requirements. The agreement is subject to due diligence and board approval. For further information contact Jogeir Romestrand, CEO, ODIM ASA, mobile +47 913 30 387 Øyvind Olsen, senior vice president communications, ODIM ASA, mobile +47 911 85 817.

1.g) MARPORT AND ROLLS-ROYCE ENTER TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Marport, a subsea acoustics technology company, announced recently that it has entered a technical cooperation agreement with the marine division of Rolls-Royce, a global leader in marine propulsion, engineering and deck handling equipment. Under the agreement, Marport will work with Rolls-Royce to develop sensor solutions for deck machinery controls used in commercial fishing, offshore supply & service and offshore energy applications.

Marport and Rolls-Royce will focus on providing sensors and data analysis systems to maximize deck machinery utilisation. It is expected that the initial solutions will be deployed in the global fishing industry. Rolls-Royce powerful, low-pressure winches feature the latest in auto-trawl technology. When integrated

with Marport's software-defined acoustic sensors the auto-trawl control system can be supplied with real-time trawl performance information. The captain receives detailed information that enables the gear to be adjusted for optimized fishing. For more information visit www.rollsroyce.com or www.marport.com or contact Glenda Leyte at gleyte@marport.com

2. EVENTS, TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION

2.a) FORUM FEATURES BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN OCEAN OBSERVATION, OFFSHORE ENERGY AND PORT SECURITY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2007, USA

"Marine Science and Technology Business Opportunities: A Forum for Partnering" will take place Thursday November 1, 2007 at the Advanced Technology & Manufacturing Center in Fall River, Mass. USA, 8:00AM-1:30PM. The purpose of the forum is to highlight new business opportunities and partnering mechanisms in three key market areas: Ocean Observation, Prediction and Management, Offshore Energy, Port and Maritime Security

The event is part of a study conducted by the South Coast Development Partnership (SCDP) and funded by the John Adams Innovation Institute at the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, an quasi-public economic development agency in the state of MA, to characterize and recommend ways to improve the marine science and technology business cluster in the region.

Among the speakers and panelists at the business forum are: Patrick Larkin – Director of MTC's John Adams Innovation Institute; Jean MacCormack-Chancellor UMASS-Dartmouth; Cheryl Zimmerman-Farsounder, Inc.; Robert Detrick and John Trowbridge-Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution; Juergen Keil-Rite Solutions; George Rodenbusch- Shell International E&P; Harlin Doliner – Pepe & Hazard; Marianne Molchan – Molchan Marine Sciences.

In a second panel, offshore engineering and business experts will address the need to develop technologies to work in deeper waters for oil, gas and other energy sources. How to instrument our ports and train personnel to operate integrated surveillance systems for port security in the region using two demonstration projects as examples will be the topic of the third panel. The final industry panel will recommend ways to meet the technology and information gaps outlined in each of the earlier panels. For further information contact Maggie Merrill, Event Manager, +1 617 306 2764. For registration and event details: www.umassd.edu/scdp/

3. JOB POSTINGS

3.a) VICE PRESIDENT, RESON SALES EMEA

RESON is looking for a Vice President of Sales for Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). The Vice President will be responsible for directing and managing of all activities related to the selling of RESON products in EMEA. This includes the responsibilities associated with people management (direction, performance appraisal, salary management etc. and leadership). In addition, but not limited to the Vice President will manage budgets, sales plans, sales pipeline and sales forecasts.

Responsibilities include; responsible for managing the regional sales effort to meet the business objectives of product sales in terms of booking, margin and cost of sales; responsible for the market strategy i.e. sales channels (direct or in-direct) per customer segment established in the designated region and key accounts; assess and manage sales personnel and Agents/Reps; preparation of forecasts, sales reports, annual budgets and operation within expense budget parameters for EMEA.

General requirements include; international experience; experience with people management; experienced with management over frontiers; knowledge and experience within the business area; willingness to travel.

RESON are looking for the following personal skills; higher business education; english, written and oral - other languages would be an advantage; good negotiation skills and understanding of different cultures.

If you have any questions about this position, please contact Vice President, Human Resources, Signe Frederiksen +45 22729355 or email tol@reson.dk