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1.GENERAL OCEAN NEWS

1.a) ROWE TECHNOLOGIES INC SIGN WITH RS AQUA LTD

RS Aqua MD, Roger Scrivens, announces the signing of a contract to represent the UK and Ireland interests of Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler specialists Rowe Technologies Inc, Poway, CA, USA. Roger comments that most in the ocean research fraternity will be aware of the Rowe name via Fran Rowe, one of the founders of the RD Instruments Corporation. Fran now brings his considerable expertise to the Rowe Technologies venture formed in 2009 by his sons Dan and Steve.

Rowe's extensive *RTI ADCP* product range achieved its first UK exposure at this years Ocean Business exhibition held at the National Oceanography Centre, Southampton in April where it provoked immense interest.

The Rowe Technologies ethos is focussed on producing leading-edge, high quality sonar based devices for ocean, lake and river bottom velocity and water current profile measurement applications.

There are many unique features associated with the *RTI ADCP* range. These include dual frequencies, 20kHz ADCPs, operator selectable 15 or 20 degree beam angles, small size, up/down transducers, etc. In addition, all units function as DVL Navigators or ADCPs. Visit www.rowetechinc.com for a view of the *RTI ADCP* future.

1.b) FUGRO SIGNS COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR FREE INERTIAL METROLOGY WITH IPOZ

Fugro Survey B.V. and IPOZ LLC have signed a worldwide exclusive agreement for Free Inertial Metrology technology GIPSEA and the associated software and support services. Fugro will be marketing the Free Inertial Metrology technology to its wide client base in the subsea construction industry. The technology will be offered in all regions through the local Fugro survey companies.

Fugro has executed extensive trials, which were completed successfully, thus giving Fugro the confidence that this technology will offer the market alternative solutions for Metrology projects. Fugro and IPOZ have agreed to further develop the equipment and associated software in order to continuously enhance the service to the industry. For detailed information please contact FsbvInfo@fugro.com

1.c) FOREWIND MET MASTS TO USE INNOVATIVE FOUNDATION DESIGN

The Forewind consortium will employ an innovative new foundation design concept next year when it installs two meteorological masts on the Dogger Bank offshore wind farm zone, located between 125 and 290 kilometres off the North Yorkshire coast.

Forewind Limited, developers of the Dogger Bank zone, today signed a contract with Fred Olsen United AS to design, construct and install the two met masts and foundations at the site by late 2012.

The met masts, which will monitor wave and wind conditions at Dogger Bank, will be produced by Brighton-based SeaRoc. Marine engineering specialists, Harland and Wolff will produce the foundations in Belfast.

Contact Sue Vincent on sue.vincent@forewind.co.uk or m: +44 7768508742 for further information.

1.d) HYDROID SIGNS CONTRACT WITH NOAA FOR REMUS 600 AUV

Hydroid Inc., a subsidiary of Kongsberg Maritime and one of the leading manufacturers of Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs), has received a contract from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for a new REMUS 600 AUV system. The REMUS 600 will provide NOAA's Office of Coast Survey with full bottom coverage depth sounding data in conformance with NOAA standards for nautical charting.

Coast Survey is responsible for acquiring hydrographic data for NOAA's nautical charting program, which provides navigational products and services for the maritime industry and recreational boaters. The REMUS 600 will be used to evaluate whether depth soundings collected by an AUV provide data that meet NOAA bathymetric mapping requirements. Survey plans are developed to ensure 100% ensonification of the seafloor, so the REMUS 600 will initially be operated as a test system aboard NOAA survey vessels. Once standard operating procedures are established and the data validated, it will be used for operational bathymetric mapping surveys.

For further information on REMUS and HUGIN technology, please visit www.hydroid.com or www.km.kongsberg.com.

1.e) COMPLETED BEARINGS TAKE A LOAD OFF THE FOUNDATIONS AT SHERINGHAM SHOAL

The innovative elastometric spring bearings designed to improve the vertical load carrying capacity of the wind turbines of the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm, have now been installed on each of the 90 foundations at the site, 20 kilometres off the coast of the Norfolk in the UK.

Trelleborg Offshore Norway AS, has recently completed its contract to install the 552 bearings before the start of winter. They worked with project team members from owner Scira Offshore Energy and operator Statoil to design, manufacture and deliver the bearings following reports of grouting failures on other wind farms.

Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm is owned equally by Statoil and Statkraft through joint-venture company Scira Offshore Energy Limited. Statoil is operator for the project during the development phase and Scira will be the wind farm operator.

For more information please contact Liz Hancock, Communications Manager, Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm M: +44 7557 264326 or E: elhanc@statoil.com.

1.f) CALECORE'S GEOPHYSICAL SITE INVESTIGATION DIVISION CALESURVEY COMPLETES 5 MONTH GREENLANDIC CRUISE

Kommandor Stuart, Calesurvey's multi-role Site Investigation Survey Vessel, is now back in the North Sea after successfully completing an extensive programme of works offshore Greenland for Cairn Energy.

The vessel mobilised in March in Calecore's home port of Sunderland and has successfully completed a series of Geohazard, Bathymetric, Geochemical and Environmental Surveys. Operations were undertaken in water depths of up to 3000m in sometimes challenging conditions in support of Cairn's 2011 drilling campaign.

In order to prepare for this project Calesurvey purchased and mobilised Reson Seabat 8160 and R2 Sonic 2024 high resolution shallow multibeam echo sounders to acquire data across the range of water depths. Calesurvey also worked extensively with IXSEA to integrate a ROVINS Subsea Inertial, Gyro and Motion Reference Unit into the survey spread. The close coupling of the subsea inertial and multibeam sensors together with inertial aiding of GPS in high latitudes is a strategy that worked well and Calesurvey will be continuing to develop.

They acquired over 3,200 kms of geophysical data and over 150 camera and core locations in support of the detailed programme, successfully maximising working windows. The project also required deployment and operation of an innovative rock dredge designed and built by Benthic Solutions Ltd. Calesurvey's team supported the collection of seafloor rocks to further the relatively limited understanding of the seabed surface geology.

The vessel clocked an impressive 48,000 man hours over this project without incident or injury. The Kommandor Stuart travelled over 5,000 nautical miles up to 76 degrees North in what is one of the most challenging places for hydrocarbon exploration.

For Further information on Calecore Ltd Please visit www.calesurvey.com or contact Richard.Parkinson@calegeo.com

1.g) IMCA PUBLISHES WORLD-WIDE DIVING PERSONNEL STATISTICS

Figures published by the International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) reveal that globally there was a reduction in offshore diving work in 2010, compared with 2009, possibly due to the economic environment. A peak of close to 3,500 diving personnel was employed offshore world-wide by 43 IMCA members (i.e. those who responded to the call for data). This compares with a peak of 4000 from 35 reporting companies last year so the reduction does not stem from fewer reports received. They also show that air diving operations exceeded saturation diving by approximately 50%, with a trend reversal in IMCA's Europe & Africa Section where air diving exceeded saturation diving; and with the highest number of air divers being in IMCA's Middle East & India Section.

Further information on IMCA and the work it carries out on behalf of more than 800 member companies in over 60 countries is available at www.imca-int.com

1.h) NEW MINI HD/SD CVIS SUPPLIED BY BOWTECH

Bowtech have supplied their first miniature High Definition Compact Video Inspection System (Mini HD/SD CVIS) to U-Boat Worx, a manufacturer of leisure submarines in The Netherlands.

Based on their highly popular CVIS-3 but occupying almost 70% less volume and weighing approximately 65% less, the unit controls a Surveyor HD camera and Pan & Tilt unit. The Mini HD CVIS was specifically designed to meet the customers requirements

U-Boat Worx submersibles are one of the most advanced private submarines ever built and have set the standards for 21st century underwater exploration. The system was fitted to a C-Quester Type 3 Submersible.

For more information, please contact, Mike Winstanley, Bowtech Products Ltd, Email: bowtech@bowtech.co.uk or visit <http://www.bowtech.co.uk>

1.i) HARRIS PYE COMPLETES WEST PEGASUS \$4.3M CONTRACT

The Harris Pye Group has successfully completed a \$4.3 million contract for work on Seadrill's West Pegasus ultra-deepwater semi-submersible rig. Undertaken on the rig in Curacao, the six week contract – including five actually on the rig - involved a workforce of 115 working initially on fitting column blisters and then taking on an extended renovation and refurbishment role.

Further information on the Harris Pye Group is available at www.harris-pye.com

1.j) AQUA VISION BV PROUD OWNERS OF A C3D SYSTEM

Aqua Vision BV, a hydrographic consultancy based in the Netherlands, has recently acquired a C3D system from Teledyne Benthos. The C3D system represents the latest in sonar imaging, creating a 3D image of the seafloor using a combination of high resolution imagery and wide swath bathymetry. In contrast to traditional swath bathymetry systems and side scan sonar, the C3D Side Scan Sonar imaging system is based on a multi-element receiver and a patented multiple angles-of-arrival technique. The system is particularly suitable for shallow water applications, including habitat mapping, model validation, fisheries, object detection and research.

For further information contact Shauna Ní Fhlaithearta, Aqua Vision BV, s.ni.fhlaithearta @aquavision.nl or visit www.aquavision.nl

1.k) TRELLEBORG MARINE SYSTEMS HAS MOVED TO NEW PREMISES TO CENTRALISE AND EXPAND ITS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN INDIA

The regional offices of Trelleborg Marine Systems have in-house engineering capability, provide initial specification and front end applications engineering. The more detailed engineering design, modelling and analysis engineering for projects are sent to the Indian centre of excellence for progressing forward.

Scott Smith, Regional Director for Trelleborg's Asia Pacific region, said, "We have very high expectations for the performance of the improved engineering and design centre in Ahmedabad. It is a centre of excellence with a market leading capability and, in our experience so far, it has provided fantastic support to Trelleborg Marine Systems, coupled with a very quick design turnaround."

The business in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India is split into two areas. The first is the engineering and design support for Trelleborg's worldwide offices, covering Australia, Singapore, China, Japan, India, Dubai, the USA and Europe. The second business area is regional sales into India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Smith adds: "Having the engineering and design aspects of Trelleborg Marine Systems centralised in this way enables Trelleborg to drive cost efficiencies and improves collaboration to enable cross fertilisation of ideas across their global offices."

For more information about Trelleborg Marine Systems, please contact Richard Hepworth, managing director, Trelleborg Marine Systems, Richard.hepworth@trelleborg.com or visit www.trelleborg.com/marine

2.EVENT, TRAINING & DEMONSTRATION NEWS

2.a) EUROPEAN LIDAR MAPPING FORUM, 29-30TH NOVEMBER 2011, SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Which remote sensing technology should be employed for nearshore and coastal surveys?

LIDAR and Sonar are fundamental technologies. In recent years, other technologies including mobile laser scanning, satellite imagery and airborne geophysical surveys have all demonstrated potential in this domain. Learn about the advantages and disadvantages inherent with today's LIDAR (both topographic and bathymetric) technologies, acoustic sonar as well as ancillary technologies and discuss the trade-offs principally between cost and quality when Dr Todd Mitchell, Remote Sensing Manager from Fugro Consultants presents a paper on how best to acquire survey data in the land/water interface.

Toon Petermans, GIS Expert, FGIA, (Flemish Geographical Information Agency), Belgium will present a comparative study of LIDAR techniques for coastal monitoring. In the framework of the BLAST project (Bringing Land and Sea together; Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme), the Maritime and Coastal Services of Flanders evaluated three LIDAR techniques on different platforms; airborne, mobile and static LIDAR on two test sites along the Belgian coast. The employability, accuracy issues, point density, cost effectiveness as well as more general benefits and drawbacks are evaluated.

In addition there will be a fascinating paper examining the use of Airborne LIDAR Bathymetry for monitoring the small outermost islands of Indonesia when Astrit Rimayanti, Researcher from National Coordinating Agency for Surveys & Mapping takes to the podium on the second day.

The ELMF conference features experts from across the globe presenting the latest concepts from commercial or academic research, leading edge innovations in technologies, improved operating practices, reports on actual project experiences and discusses new applications and markets being driven by the rapid improvements in LIDAR technology. For more information visit:

<http://www.lidarmap.org/ELMF/conference/>

Running alongside the conference will be an exhibition of more than 50 of the world's leading companies in the LIDAR industry market forming the largest ever European exhibition dedicated solely to LIDAR technology and services.

For more information or to register, visit: <http://www.lidarmap.org/ELMF>

2.b) 11TH INTERNATIONAL NAVAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION (INEC 2012) PUBLISH CALL FOR PAPERS, 15-17 MAY 2012, SCOTLAND, UK

Recent developments have seen shrinking defence budgets yet worldwide instability and natural phenomenon require military scale interventions with multinational forces structures. The 11th International Naval Engineering Conference and Exhibition (INEC 2012) with its overall theme 'Engineering Naval Capability' being held Tuesday 15 - Thursday 17 May 2012 in Edinburgh, UK, is set to attract representatives from navies, commercial and military ship operators, designers and shipbuilders, classification societies, machinery and equipment manufacturers, universities and other defence related organisations, all eager for up to the minute information on how the sector will rise to the challenges.

A Call for Papers has been published with a closing date of Friday 18 November 2011, and once again papers by authors of 35 years of age or younger are sought for the Sir Donald Gosling Award.

Further information: www.imarest.org/inec and events@imarest.org

2.c) BLACK LASER LEARNING® ANNOUNCES LIVE 2-DAY SIDE SONAR TRAINING SEMINAR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MARINE RESCUE PERSONNEL, JANUARY 11-12, 2012, VALDOSTA, LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA, USA

Black Laser Learning[®], known worldwide for its in-depth sonar technology expertise and innovative training programs today announced registration is open for their January 2012 live 2-day side scan sonar training seminar for law enforcement personnel.

The event is open to law enforcement and marine rescue personnel and is being organized in cooperation with the Lowndes County Sheriff's office, and will be held at Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia, January 11-12.

For further information email Vince@blacklaserlearning.com or visit www.blacklaserlearning.com

1.d) KONGSBERG MARITIME SUBSEA SEMINAR 2011, 22nd NOVEMBER, SCOTLAND, UK

Kongsberg Maritime, global leaders of marine technology, have today announced that they will be holding a seminar event in Aberdeen next month to focus on the latest developments in subsea technology. The theme of this year's event, hosted by Kongsberg Maritime Ltd based in Aberdeen will be "Integrating a New Generation of Technology".

The Kongsberg Maritime Subsea Seminar 2011 will feature key speakers from across Europe, who will showcase the latest data gathered using market-leading underwater equipment, and guide delegates through the application of this technology during recent high-performance operations. Topics covered on the day will include the application of subsea technology of autonomous underwater vehicles, high-precision multibeam integration for remotely operated vehicles, inertial navigation and post-processing.

The Kongsberg Maritime Subsea Seminar 2011 is free to attend for all relevant parties and will take place on the 22nd November at Ardoe House Hotel, Aberdeen. If you would like to register for this event, or to request further details, please contact Catriona Ferguson on 01224 226 574 or email catriona.ferguson@kongsberg.com

3.WHO'S ON THE MOVE?

3.a) BLUEVIEW HIRES BETO CAMPOS AS DIRECTOR, GLOBAL COMMERCIAL SALES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

BlueView Technologies the world leader in compact acoustic imaging and measurement technology has added Beto Campos as Director, Global Commercial Sales and Business Development. Campos will manage and develop BlueView's sales efforts in the ROV, Port Security, Salvage, Search & Recovery, Fisheries, and Education segments worldwide.

Beto Campos comes to BlueView Technologies with more than 10 years of sales and one-on-one customer service experience in the offshore market. Most recently Campos was a Regional Account manager for a global manufacturer of high-tech equipment for severe oceanographic, industrial, commercial, and military environments.

For more information, contact Rick Elento, +1 206 826 5835 rick.elento@blueview.com or visit www.blueview.com

3.b) MICHAEL M. SAYLER JOINS HYDROID INC

The Pocasset-based manufacturer of Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs), welcomes Michael M Sayler as Quality Assurance Manager. Sayler has extensive experience in developing and improving quality management systems, with a focus on team collaboration and performance excellence. Most recently, Sayler consulted with a wide range of companies, implementing formal management systems for quality, environmental, health and safety.

For further information contact Sarah Hurley Shurley@greenoughcom.com, +1 (617) 275-6527

3.c) OSBIT POWER EXPANDS WITH NEW APPOINTMENTS

OSBIT Power (OP) was established in 2010 to develop new technology in offshore engineering with the aim of making a significant contribution to the rapidly growing offshore wind market, and is rapidly making its mark with its MaXcess offshore access system. OP's ambitious expansion plans are underlined by two

new appointments, Ben Webster joins the company as Sales & Marketing Manager and Robbie Blakeman as Senior Engineer.

OP is an independent company founded and staffed by a team of engineers, based in Northumberland. The existing OP team has long experience in the design and build of many kinds of offshore systems in offshore wind, wave and tidal stream, oil and gas, submarine telecom and defence.

Ben Webster will be responsible for coordinating OP's sales and marketing, including the launch of new products related to OP's offshore access technologies, and continuing to establish OP in new sectors. Ben joins OP from IHC EB, where he was Sales Manager.

Robbie Blakeman, who joins having been Manager of EB Solutions, will further strengthen the OP engineering team, focussing on delivering tailored offshore equipment consultancy, design and build projects, on spec, budget and in time – OSBIT.

Further information on OP, and its expanding team, is available at www.osbitpower.com and from OP on stand 25 at RenewableUK 2011.

4.JOB POSTINGS

4.a) VALEPORT SEEK EXPERIENCED ENGINEER, SOUTH WEST UK

Valeport design and manufacture underwater measuring equipment from their factory in the South West of UK. Due to exceptional growth and a focussed development programme, Valeport are seeking to significantly expand their R&D department. If you are an experienced engineer in either Mechanical, Hardware, Firmware or FPGA design and would like to be considered to join the team, please contact the Engineering Manager Jay Nicholson by email with your CV at jnicholson@valeport.co.uk

4.b) RPS GROUP PLC – ENERGY DIVISION SEEK PROJECT MANAGER, UK

RPS Energy, and its predecessor, Hydrosearch have been continuously in operation in the site investigation and survey industry for over 30 years.

The role they are looking to fill includes working between Woking and Aberdeen, with flexible travel between these as required. Team This role involves working within the Site Investigation and survey group.

Main Responsibilities include; Project management of site survey projects, including; Desk study

- Preparation of tender documentation and tender review; Client and contractor liaison; Operational management; Post acquisition management of processing and reporting, including data review; Support business development in Europe, Africa and Middle East.

Suitable candidates will have had exposure to at least one of the following key areas; Seismic design and operations project management; Site Survey; Geotechnical Site Investigation; Seismic Processing; Well Site Geology; Geosciences.

RPS is interested in retraining and cross training of personnel to support multidisciplinary solutions.

The candidate should be; Graduate calibre with background and qualifications in geophysics/geology and/or site investigation; Have a proven track record of working within the oil & gas industry; A dynamic self starter with the ability to work alone or as part of an integrated team; Possess excellent communication skills.

For more information or to apply for this role contact the recruitment team at energyrecruitment@rpsgroup.com

4.c) TECHNICAL MANAGER (METOCEAN) REQUIRED AT PARTRAC LTD, UK

Partrac Ltd is an independent oceanographic, marine geoscience and environmental survey company, head-quartered in Glasgow. They provide data acquisition and consultancy services to the offshore renewable industry, ports & dredging companies, regulators, coastal councils and civil engineering consultants.

Following the award of several long-term high-profile contracts, Partrac Ltd requires a suitably experienced candidate to fulfil the role of Technical Manager.

A recognized metocean specialist, you will be leading a team of physical oceanographers, marine scientists, and mathematicians, providing technical, commercial, and managerial support. Within the role you will continually improve Partrac's technical output and have the opportunity to express and implement your vision for our services.

Responsibilities will include; Technical review of reports and data deliverables; Technical review of tenders and contract documents; Responsibility for the management and delegation of the department's deliverables to staff; Client liaison & ensuring reporting and data delivery deadlines are strictly met and to the highest technical quality; Maintain awareness of trends and developments in analytical processes, industry requirements and in areas of relevant personal interest; Awareness of the contents of the company's various safety, quality and management procedures and manuals and ensuring compliance; To suggest and promote positive changes to these systems.

This is an excellent opportunity for a metocean specialist and experienced manager to progress their career in a rapidly developing organisation. Candidates should be qualified to degree level as a minimum, in a relevant subject and have a minimum of 7 years experience. This position would suit candidates with a background in the oil & gas, metocean survey or metocean consultancy industries.

Closing date: 15th November 2011. For a full job description and to apply please visit <http://www.partrac.com/news/technical-manager-metocean-required-at-partrac-ltd>

4.d) ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS WITH CONTROLS AND INSTRUMENTATION EXPERIENCE, UK

Fugro GEOS are looking to recruit an Electrical or Instrumentation Engineer to work in their offshore systems division which specialises in offshore environmental monitoring systems.

Reporting to the Operations Manager, duties within this extremely varied and interesting role will include all aspects of environmental real-time system projects. These will include system design, build, installation, service and maintenance within workshop and offshore environment. Future development of the role will be to take on increased responsibilities of project management in this business line. The role will include many opportunities for international travel.

The successful candidate will be HND qualified (or equivalent level) in instrumentation or engineering. A marine electronics or science degree would be preferable although not crucial. PC literacy is essential with a firm knowledge of Microsoft Operating Systems and Office applications. A knowledge of networks, serial comms, web page construction and experience of computer builds would be considered advantageous. Previous experience of working within the marine or offshore environment would also be an advantage.

Benefits within their innovative and unusual Company include a competitive salary accompanied by an attractive package including contributory pension scheme, life assurance, private health care and 24 days annual leave, subsidised restaurant. Base location would be Wallingford although other locations would be considered.

Please apply by submitting a CV and covering letter, indicating your anticipated salary requirements to: Mary Smith, Fugro GEOS Ltd, Fugro House, Hithercroft Road, Wallingford, OX10 9RB, or email m.smith@geos.com. Alternatively you can apply online at www.geos.com