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1. GENERAL OCEAN NEWS

1.a) VERIPOS EXTENDS FAR EAST DGPS SERVICE

Aberdeen-based Veripos has extended the Far East sector of its globalised multi-source Differential GPS service with the establishment of new reference station facilities at Kushiro on Hokkaido Island, Japan, in response to increased development of the Sakhalin oil and gas basin as well as other positioning market requirements in the area.

The new facilities complement existing reference stations at Sakhalin itself and on the Chinese mainland as part of an integral DGPS service for high-accuracy positioning throughout the Far East on behalf of leading offshore operators of 3D seismic, survey and DP construction vessels. They collectively provide Veripos' proprietary Standard service for multi-station positioning solutions with enhanced precision and reliability. Compatible with all types of GPS receiver using the RTCM SC104 V2.3 correction format, available service accuracies are typically 1m over ranges up to 2,000km. For further information go to www.veripos.com

1.b) NEW ONLINE STORE FOR MARINE SCIENTISTS

The new look seawatersolutions.com webstore opened its doors on Friday 8th June combining ease of use with accessibility and competitive pricing to provide oceanography customers with the ultimate online buying experience.

The site boasts a large range of products, from industry leaders such as YSI, JW Fishers and OSIL including calibration standards for salinity, conductivity, oxygen and turbidity, laboratory and field instruments and rental equipment and training.

The new shop combines the successful aspects of the previous site with a host of new features and customer benefits. For further information go to www.seawatersolutions.com

1.c) PIONEERING DEEP SEA CAMERA DEVELOPED BY UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, ELFORLIGHT AND CDL

A revolutionary 3D holographic camera, which gives scientists a greater understanding of marine life, will be on display at the *Oceans '07* conference in Aberdeen which kicks off in Aberdeen next week (**June 18**).

The unique underwater camera can take 3D images of living organisms and particles in their natural environment in a non-intrusive and non-destructive way and will help enhance our awareness of the environment and provide a better understanding of the health of the oceans. Unlike conventional stills or video, the camera records 3D holograms. These holograms can be recorded underwater to give 3D images of plankton - the tiny subsea organisms which are the basic building block of life. These organisms range in size from a few microns to several millimetres.

A study of these creatures is essential for marine biologists in their drive to understand the oceans and its influence on our global environment. The camera, known as *eHolocam*, has been developed by a research team at the University of Aberdeen, in collaboration with CDL Ltd, Aberdeen who specialise in offshore instrumentation, and Elforlight of Daventry (developers of novel solid state lasers).

For further information please contact Professor John Watson, Executive Chair, *Oceans '07* Aberdeen, University of Aberdeen +44 (0) 1224 272804 For further information on *Oceans '07* visit:

www.oceans07ieeeaberdeen.org

1.d) ODIM AWARDED CONTRACTS WORTH NOK 36 MILLION

ODIM has been awarded Offshore Supply and Subsea contracts with a total value of NOK 36 million. The Offshore Supply segment in ODIM has been awarded contracts of about NOK 19 million. Among the deliveries there are two ODIM Anchor Recovery Frames (ODIM ARF™). With this supply ODIM has orders for 10 ODIM ARF™. ODIM has been awarded a Subsea contract worth NOK 17 million covering the delivery of four Work Over Control Systems (WOCS) for delivery by the end of May 2008. For further information contact Øyvind Olsen, senior vice president communications, ODIM ASA, mobile +47 911 85 817

1.e) OSIL SMALL LIGHTWEIGHT BUOYS PROVIDE COMPLETE SOLUTION TO MONITORING NEEDS

OSIL (Ocean Scientific International Ltd.) are proud to offer customers an efficient and hassle-free solution to their short-term monitoring needs. YSI's new EMM175 and EMM375 compact, low-cost buoys can be instrumented and delivered to customers within a week from ordering.

The new EMM175/375 range of data buoys cater for the need to undertake a rapid deployment for collecting data in support of projects such as dredging, disaster monitoring and rapid environmental assessment. Their modular construction and instrument outfitting make them ideal for monitoring around dredge or construction on short delivery timescales. Both buoys provide the basis for a complete environmental monitoring system, the EMM175 provides mounting for a single water quality instrument, while the EMM375 is designed to support a whole array of instrumentation.

The buoys come complete with remote data capability which can be viewed via a public or private web interface such as YSI's EcoNet, providing data back to both the operator and the client. Each platform guarantees high-impact resistance, even in sub-zero temperatures and is manufactured from high density foam. Coupled with a telemetry module and turbidity and oxygen sensors the buoys provide a low-maintenance, reliable water quality monitoring system. For further information please visit www.osil.co.uk

1.f) OCEANBUZZ LAUNCHES WEBSITE

Due to a huge demand, the Oceanbuzz team are delighted to announce the launch of the Oceanbuzz website www.oceanbuzz.org. Find back dated issues of Oceanbuzz, send us your news stories for inclusion in future issues or subscribe your colleagues, this new website has it all.

2. TRAINING, DEMONSTRATION AND EDUCATION

2.a) SUT SUBSEA AWARENESS COURSE, 3rd – 7th SEPTEMBER 2007, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

This five-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 please contact Joyce Bremner J.Bremner@sut.org or call +61 8 9204 3826

2.b) MARINE TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY'S ROV COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ITS 2007 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. Zachary Harris, Mr. Dakota Golginger, Ms. Renee Hodder, and Mr. Eric Lieb have been selected as recipients of the Marine Technology Society's 2007 ROV Committee Scholarships. In addition Mr. Matthew Gildner, Ms. Christianna Campbell, and Mr. Roy Collins received special MATE Center MTS ROV Committee Scholarships. Scholarship applications for 2008/9 must be received by April 15, 2008. Details on how to apply and additional information on the MTS ROV committee can be found at <http://www.rov.org/>.

3. EVENTS

3.a) FORMER SPEARHEAD MANAGEMENT FAVOURITE TO WIN BID FOR DSEI

Oceanbuzz issue 11 reported that Reed Elsevier is to quit the defence exhibitions sector – specifically DSEi in London. We now hear rumours that the former Spearhead management team headed up by Bob Munton is favourite to regain long-term ownership and management of DSEi, working closely again with the UK defence trade associations, MOD and industry. Contact bob.munton@fallowsend.co.uk for more information.

3.b) ATTENDEE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR OCEANTECH EXPO 5TH TO 7TH SEPTEMBER 2007, RHODE ISLAND

Register to attend the first annual OceanTech Expo! This exciting new trade show will give you access to training and demos from companies in the marine technology and ocean science market and valuable insight into the future of this growing international market. Log on today and take advantage of early registration discounts www.oceantechexpo.com

3.c) IMarEST LAUNCHES HELLENIC YOUNG MEMBERS' NETWORK, 14th JUNE 2007

There's 'open house' at the free networking evening being held on 14 June to launch the new Hellenic Joint Branch IMarEST Young Members' Network designed to support educational and early stage career needs for students and young marine professionals.

The network will form an integral element of the already established Greek Joint branch of The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) and The Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA) which has over 600 members.

Future activities planned for the new Network include a series of regular social and technical events, a post/undergraduate event (during Posidonia in June 2008) and a Young Members Student Awards Ceremony also in June 2008. Further information on the work of the IMarEST is available at www.imarest.org

4. WHO'S ON THE MOVE

4.a) GEOACOUSTICS APPOINTS NEW SALES DIRECTOR

GeoAcoustics Limited is pleased to announce the appointment of Ralf Timm as Sales Director. Ralf, who has 14 years sonar industry experience joined GeoAcoustics in 2004 as General Manager of GeoAcoustics Asia Pacific. Ralf will continue to be responsible for the Asia Pacific operation and in addition his new responsibilities will extend to the sales activities of all Group companies and the maintenance of the company's sales network. For further information please contact Ralf Timm ralf.timm@geoacoustics.com web: www.geoacoustics.com

4.b) MORE KEY STAFF JOIN METOC

Bringing considerable skills in data gathering, interpretation, and presentation, Dr Harshal Galgale and Dr Mike Cunningham have recently joined the Characterisation Team. Harshal comes from the Water engineering and Development Centre (WEDC) at Loughborough University. Mike comes from the Marine Coastguard Agency, where he was Hydrographic Technology Manager. Rosalind Devlin has also joined the company from the URS Corporation to head-up the Assurance Team. For further information go to www.metoc.co.uk

4.c) RECRUITMENT OF KEY PERSONNEL BY FUGRO GEOS

Demand globally for the wide range of services offered by Fugro GEOS has led to the company conducting an intensive recruitment campaign and have recently acquired the services of three key members for their team. Dr Jill Bradon has joined as a Principal Offshore Engineering, reporting to Mark Calverley in their Consultancy Division; Dr Véronique Cochin has joined the Seasystems Division in the Sandnes office in Norway, as a Senior Metocean Specialist reporting to Anthony Gaffney; and Maikel Laukens has joined as Operations Manager for the Weather Forecasting Division reporting to Trevor Pitt. Information on career opportunities at Fugro GEOS in the UK and around the world is available from www.geos.com/careers/intro.asp

4.d) TONY BARRETT, EUROPEAN SALES MANAGER OF OCEAN NEWS & TECHNOLOGY RETIRES

After 29 years in the industry, Tony Barrett is retiring. Tony helped to launch Underwater Systems Design (International Ocean Systems) in 1979 with the publisher Ed Patterson until 1997 when he joined Dan White, the publisher of Ocean News and Technology where he has remained for the past ten years. Tony says of his retirement "I have made some really great friends along the way and I will miss the industry and the buzz that goes with it.." Moving forward M J McDuffee (VP of Marketing and Sales) will handle advertisement sales from her Florida office. MJ can be contacted via email mjmcduffee@ocean-news.com

5. JOB POSTINGS

5.a) SHELL SEEKS A SENIOR METOCEAN ENGINEER, EUROPE

Shell has a vacancy for a Senior Metocean Engineer based in Aberdeen, UK. Details can be found on www.shell.com/careers.

5.b) HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYORS, GEOPHYSICISTS, SURVEY ENGINEERS, ROTV AND ROV PILOT POSITIONS AT MARITECH CONSULTANTS, UK

Maritech Consultants Ltd are actively seeking qualified and experienced freelance Hydrographic Surveyors, Geophysicists, Survey Engineers, ROTV and ROV pilots to join their teams supporting survey and construction projects worldwide. Opportunities exist on a wide range of projects, both offshore and onshore, offering good rewards and the benefit of flexibility of work / leave balance. Contact Peter Thomas or Sally Barber at Maritech Consultants Ltd on 01493 331822 or email sales@maritech.co.uk

5.c) SENIOR FIRMWARE/SOFTWARE ENGINEER REQUIRED BY CHELSEA TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, UK

Reporting To the Engineering Manager / Technical Director the successful candidate's main job purpose will be to develop firmware for new instrumentation plus support for continuing improvement of existing software. The successful candidate must have a sound knowledge of C / C++ with a minimum of 5 years experience, a significant experience of developing code for embedded hardware, ideally in instrumentation design, minimum 2 years experience of Windows GUI development within a C++ environment, sound knowledge of hardware functions is required; experience of Hitachi H8 series would be beneficial, Real Time Systems development would be beneficial, ability to work to tight deadlines. CV's should be sent to Ellen Keegan, ekeegan@chelsea.co.uk

5.d) SALES & MARKETING ASSISTANT VACANCY AT CODA OCTOPUS, EDINBURGH, UK

Due to recent expansion CodaOctopus are seeking an organised, enthusiastic and self motivated Sales & Marketing Assistant. The right candidate will be computer literate with the ability to work in a fast moving and dynamic environment. Duties include supporting the global commercial team with their day-to-day activities. Please e-mail a full CV with covering letter to Karine Buckwell karine.buckwell@codaoctopus.com

6. ...AND FINALLY

6.a) ROGER SCRIVENS IS ON THE MEND

We are delighted to report that Roger Scrivens returned home on Saturday following a quadruple bypass operation performed the previous Monday morning at the Royal Brompton Hospital, Chelsea. Roger has already been in contact and informs us that "...by Thursday morning I was up and about, climbing stairs and I am now ensconced in my home office keeping heart, legs, arms and brain exercised. My guess is that I'll be able to return to light duties in the office by end July - we'll see." We all wish you a speedy recovery Roger.

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