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1. GENERAL OCEAN NEWS

1.a) RESON INTRODUCES WORLDWIDE 24/7 SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Reson offers service and maintenance agreements for SeaBat sonar systems, where preventive maintenance service and support protects the system investments. The Service and Maintenance agreement is renewed every year and will provide SeaBat Multibeam sonar customers assurance against downtime, unexpected costs, and will ensure a better return on their investment. RESON offers three levels of Service and Maintenance Agreements fulfilling individual needs. These are: RESON Advantage™; RESON Advantage Plus™ and RESON Advantage Premiere.

The benefit of having an SMA includes; yearly maintenance and performance verification as well as firmware and hardware updates. The most comprehensive agreement includes on-site support and the availability of a loaner system during service to reduce downtime even further. All systems are registered under unique control numbers allowing RESON Support to efficiently track each system and keep service records up to date. The RESON service centers offer 24/7 product support by phone or e-mail to shorten downtime regardless of the location of the system. More information about the content of the service and maintenance agreements is available at: <http://www.reson.com/sw8579.asp>

1.b) CONTRACT WORTH SOME NOK 38 MILLION FOR ODIM

ODIM has signed a contract with seismic specialist Fugro Geoteam for deliveries of handling equipment worth some NOK 38 million. To be used for three-dimensional seismic surveys, the equipment represents the second part of the package and will be installed on "Geo Coral", the customer's third new building. This vessel will be delivered from the same yard as the first two ships in the series, "Geo Celtic" and "Geo Caribbean". As with the earlier deliveries, the equipment being supplied by ODIM will be electrically driven. Deliveries are due to begin in the third quarter of 2009.

Further information can be obtained from Øyvind Olsen, senior vice president communications, +47 911 85 817 or Idar Hatløy, vice present - Seismic, +47 905 37 912, or visit www.odim.no

1.c) CHELSEA NEW FASTTRACKA II FLUORIMETER UPGRADES FOR 2008

Chelsea Technologies Group Ltd is pleased to announce that the new FASTtracka II Fast Repetition Rate Fluorimeter, introduced in 2007, has been further upgraded for 2008. New, user friendly windows based software enables the user to easily configure the sensor for data sampling, data presentation, storage and export for post processing. Users have complete control of excitation protocols, and can define variable flashlet duration and intervals.

With these improvements, Chelsea has launched the new instrument at a price significantly lower than its predecessor. The FASTtracka II is now available with dedicated Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR) and depth sensors. These compliment the functionality of the FASTtracka II which provides Multiple Turnover (MT) as well as Single Turnover (ST) modes.

There has been unprecedented interest from both the traditional oceanographic community and fresh water monitoring groups since its launch last year. The FASTtracka II is fast becoming a key tool for monitoring photosynthetic performance in phytoplankton, within primary production studies, bloom detection and toxicity monitoring. As the FASTtracka II acquires data extremely rapidly (typically 200 µs in ST mode), the instrument lends itself to operation in many platforms including towed vehicles, fast profilers, AUVs and Gliders. For more details please contact Ellen Keegan, Chelsea Technologies Group, Tel: +44(0)20 8481 9019 ekeegan@chelsea.co.uk

1.d) C & C TECHNOLOGIES AUV REACHES 125,000 KILOMETRE MARK

On May 7, 2008, the R/V Rig Supporter documented the 125,000th kilometre surveyed by C & C Technologies, Inc. (C & C) Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs). This milestone was reached as the C-Surveyor™ I AUV was working for Petrobras S.A. in Brazil. For more information, please contact Jay Northcutt at (+1) 337-210-0000, visit C & C's Web site at: <http://www.cctechnol.com>, or send an e-mail to info@cctechnol.com.

1.e) UNIQUE ARRAY OF WAVE BUOYS FOR PRIMARE AT THE SOUTH WEST OF ENGLAND WAVE HUB SITE

The Peninsula Research Institute for Marine Renewable Energy (PRIMaRE) has ordered 8 Fugro Oceanor Seawatch Mini II buoys to form the core of an instrumentation network at the Wave Hub site off the South West of England.

Wave Hub is a groundbreaking renewable energy project that aims to create the UK's first offshore facility for the demonstration and proving of arrays of wave energy generation devices (WECs). The Wave Hub facility will provide a well defined and monitored site with electrical connection to the onshore national grid. Four different proven commercial WEC manufacturers will each have a berth to connect a number of their devices to the Wave Hub's sea bed 'socket' which is approximately 16 km offshore and at a depth of 50m.

PRIMaRE, which is directly linked to the Wave Hub project, is tasked to monitor and characterize the wave climate at the site. The 8 directional wave sensor buoys will facilitate this with detailed coverage of the 2km by 4km deployment area. More significantly, as a part of an extensive but highly integrated system of oceanographic, meteorological and environmental monitoring equipment at the Wave Hub site, the buoy array will constitute a world leading facility giving researchers in wave energy a unique opportunity to work with much richer and detailed data sets. For further information, please contact: Richard Thurley,

University of Exeter, R.W.Thurley@exeter.ac.uk or Cathryn Primrose, Project/Sales Manager - Fugro OCEANOR, c.primrose@oceanor.com.

1.f) SAAB SEAEYE ANNOUNCES JAGUAR SALES IN MAJOR ORDER FROM FUGRO

A major order has been placed by international ROV operations company Fugro with Saab Seaeye for a total of 15 ROV systems complete with TMS, launch and recovery equipment and control cabins where required. This will add substantially to Fugro's existing worldwide fleet of electric ROV resources and further confirm Fugro as the principle operator of electric ROV systems.

Included in the contract for phased delivery through 2008, are two Seaeye Jaguar systems for operation to 3,000msw water depth and is the first order placed for this innovative new Saab Seaeye ROV which is the most powerful and advanced of its type in the world. The Jaguar electric Work Class ROV systems will complement the FCV 3000 electro-hydraulic Construction Work Class ROV systems designed, manufactured and operated by Fugro. For more information please contact David Grant, Saab Seaeye Ltd. Tel: +44(0)1329 289000, rovs@seaeye.com or visit www.seaeye.com.

2. EVENT, TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION NEWS

2.a) UNDERWATER WELDING TRAINING

Speciality Welds Ltd are pleased to announce the underwater welder training course 'WeldCraft-Pro'® is now fully accredited through EAL/SEMATA Awards. This training course is based on an 80 hour syllabus, split over two phases (dry and wet). The course is open to non-welders and welders alike and follows the International Institute of Welding (IIW) syllabus 570-01 for fillet welder - plate. Applications for enrolment are available from their website at <http://www.specialwelds.com/services/underwater-welder-training.htm>. More information about EAL and SEMATA can be found at their website at http://www.semta.org.uk/about_us/semta_group.aspx

2.b) HYDRO8 PLANS WELL ADVANCED

Over 60 per cent of available exhibition space at the 16th European Hydrographic Symposium in Liverpool from 4-6 November has already been reserved by nearly 40 leading companies and organisations, report its organisers, The Hydrographic Society UK.

Official supporters of the event, which is being staged at the historic Britannia Adelphi Hotel in Europe's present Capital of Culture and is expected to attract well over 300 international delegates, include Ocean Business 2009, Seawork 2008 International, International Ocean Systems and Ocean Scientific Instruments Ltd (OSIL).

Meanwhile, a conference programme comprising papers presented by leading specialists under the theme, New Opportunities, is currently being finalised. Many submissions from worldwide contributors are already under consideration, but the organisers would still be pleased to receive additional 300-word abstracts for presentations in the specific fields of Acoustics, Offshore Oil & Gas Applications, Environmental Impact Assessment, and Renewable Energy Support. They can still be considered until 30 May. Submissions can be filed via email to papers@hydro8.org.uk. For further information on the whole event, please visit www.hydro8.org.uk

3. JOB POSTINGS

3.a) MARITECH CONSULTANTS LTD SEEKING PERSONNEL

Maritech Consultants Ltd of Great Yarmouth, are actively seeking qualified and experienced personnel to fill vacancies on their projects in the North Sea and overseas. They are currently looking for: Geophysicists with digital seismic experience; LBL Personnel; Analogue and Digital Survey Engineers; Surveyors with Starfix Seis experience; Surveyors & Data Processors with QINSy experience; Surveyors with Eiva Navipac Experience.

They have daily requirements for personnel worldwide for various durations. If you are looking for work immediately or in the next few months then please send your CV with your availability information to sales@maritech.co.uk or call them on +44(0)1493 331822. Further information also available on our website www.maritech.co.uk

3.b) HYDROGRAPHIC AND GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYORS REQUIRED

Coastline Surveys Ltd are an established and independent multi-discipline coastal and nearshore marine survey contractor based in Falmouth, Cornwall with an operating base in Lowestoft, Suffolk. With a rapidly increasing order book and diversifying Client base they are seeking to appoint Hydrographic & Geophysical Surveyors and a Technical / Personnel Manager. Their work is predominantly UK based using their own or chartered vessels. Although based in Falmouth, much of the work will be away.

Concentrating on coastal work a flexible and positive approach to location, conditions and working hours is necessary. Probably with several years experience, technical competence, the ability to work unsupervised and make informed decisions are essential. Small boat qualifications and enthusiasm for all things maritime will be helpful. Flexible and attractive packages will be available for the right candidates.

In the first instance please email Operations Director Dr David Hitchcock at davidhitchcock@coastlinesurveys.co.uk with CV details and letter of introduction including current salary and career aspirations.

4. AND FINALLY.....

4.a) INTELLIGENT EXHIBITIONS EVENT MANAGER TIES THE KNOT!

In true event organising style, the Intelligent Exhibitions event manager (and the person behind the past 58 issues of the weekly Oceanbuzz newsletter) tied the knot this past weekend in a magnificent country house in Devon. The marriage of Caroline Barraclough and Simon Hobden was everything that a sport enthusiast could have asked for, invitations were in the theme of a match ticket, rugby balls acted as the dinner place settings and the grooms present to the bride was a space hopper! We are sure you would all join us in wishing the happy couple a very long and wonderful future together.

