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SeeByte Hires Bob Black As New Chief Executive Officer



SeeByte (Edinburgh, Scotland) announced on June 30 that it has appointed a new chief executive officer, Bob Black. Black joins the company from Capgemini, where he headed the oil and gas division. Previously, he had worked for 15 years at SAIC Inc., Science Applications International Corp.

Black's mission is to take SeeByte deeper into the global energy and defense markets, SeeByte said.

"What impressed the board most about Bob was his track record of continued success in driving high-growth technology businesses across three continents," SeeByte chairman, David Farquhar, explained. "Although trained as a physicist at Glasgow University and holding a Ph.D. from Edinburgh, his career has been strongly focused on commercial success: indeed, he recently won a regional European award for business development at Capgemini. This unusual mix of top quality engineering and sales skills, combined with an open management style, is exactly what we had been seeking."

Schilling Robotics HD ROV Targets IMR and Drill Support Markets



Schilling Robotics LLC (Davis, California) announced on June 23 that it has launched the HD™ remotely operated vehicle (ROV). The 125-shaft-horsepower system is currently completing deepwater sea trials, and two HD systems have been ordered for delivery this year.

The HD is designed for accommodating the specific needs of the inspection, maintenance and repair (IMR); drill support; and medium-duty construction markets, Schilling said.

The ROV includes dedicated interfaces for integrating intervention or survey tooling, and the ergonomic and modular system design provides users with easy access to the system for maintenance, the company continued. The HD also has the largest onboard capacity for installing additional intervention tools of any vehicle in its class.

NOAA Ship *Delaware II* to Collect Tunas, Swordfish, Water Samples for Deepwater Horizon Spill Study

The NOAA ship *Delaware II* departed Key West, Florida, on June 25 to collect tunas, swordfish and sharks to gather data about the conditions these highly migratory species are experiencing in waters around the Gulf of Mexico oil spill site.

During the two-week mission, researchers will use longline fishing gear to capture the fish for sampling and will assess environmental conditions using water chemistry monitoring instruments.

Two other NOAA ships are also conducting marine life sampling as part of the oil spill response. *Pisces*, one of NOAA's newest research vessels, and *Oregon II*, are surveying reef fish, bottom-dwelling fish and shrimp in the eastern and western Gulf of Mexico to sample for food and water quality and species abundance.

"These vessels are providing a variety of seafood and water samples from locations throughout the Gulf—nearshore and offshore, shallow water and deep, oiled and unoled," said Dr. Steven Murawski, who is leading NOAA's science response to the spill. "This is baseline information we need to measure any effects on seafood attributable to the spilled oil and to make sure our fishery closures are effective and in place for as long as they need to be, but no longer."

The seafood samples will be analyzed by scientists at NOAA labs in Pascagoula, Mississippi, and Seattle, Washington, to determine levels of oil and dispersants and to document the movements of fish from oiled to unoled waters. Samples will be compared against

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guidelines for reopening fishery closure areas and will provide baseline information so that changes in the ecosystem owing to spilled oil can be measured, NOAA said.

First Foundation Installed at Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm

The first foundation for the 317 megawatt Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm has now been installed at the site off the coast of Norfolk, England. Scira Offshore Energy (London, England) announced on June 28. For the next nine months, the twin-hulled heavy-lift vessel *Svanen* will continue to install the remaining 89 foundations in preparation for the installation of two substations and 88 wind turbines in 2011.

Each foundation consists of a tubular steel monopile, driven 32 to 36 meters into the seabed, and a yellow transition piece mounted on top. The monopiles are between 50 and 55 meters long and weigh 400 to 600 tons, while the transition pieces are 22 meters high and weigh about 200 tons each.

The monopile and the transition piece were brought to the site from the Netherlands on the 87-meter *Toisa Sonata*.

The rest of the foundations will now begin to arrive in a sequential order and be installed in a predetermined pattern, each one having been designed and fabricated specifically for its installation site, Scira said.

Project director Rune Rønvik said that installing the first foundation was a major milestone, marking the culmination of many years' planning.

"The license for the wind farm site was granted in 2004, and so it is a great achievement to now be at the stage where we are starting a continuous process to install the 90 required foundations," he said.

BlueView Technologies Inc. Selected as a Development Provider by RPSEA

BlueView Technologies Inc. (Seattle, Washington) has been selected by the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA) to develop critical sensing capabilities that will provide detailed measurements, leak detection and detection of degraded pipeline insulation in ultradeepwater (greater than 15,000 feet) environments for the U.S. oil and gas industry, the company recently announced.

"We are excited and very proud to have been selected by RPSEA," Lee Thompson, BlueView Technologies chief executive officer, said. "RPSEA's commitment to using technology to improve ultradeepwater operations, increase safety and maximize environmental performance mirror[s] our commitment and efforts to serve our customers."

Unique System and Kongsberg Maritime Announce Joint Venture, Kongsberg Maritime Middle East DMCCO

On June 28, Unique System (Sharjah, U.A.E.) announced the opening of a new service, support and after-sales company, Kongsberg Maritime Middle East DMCCO (a Dubai Maritime City Company), with offices in Dubai, U.A.E.

This joint venture between Unique System and Kongsberg Maritime (Kongsberg, Norway) had its official opening ceremony on June 30.

Kongsberg Maritime Middle East was established primarily to support vessels and yards in the Gulf Cooperation Council region, Unique System said. Kongsberg Maritime Middle East currently has 30 employees dedicated to the support of all products provided by Kongsberg Maritime.

"Our new company in Dubai has been set up to be closer to the customers in this busy and growing market," said Geir Håøy, executive vice president Kongsberg Maritime global customer support. "It is an integrated part of our global customer support network and will further improve both our presence and support to shipowners and yards in this region and worldwide."

Unique System continues as the sales agent in the Middle East for products provided by Kongsberg Maritime, the company said.

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