

Global Marine Systems announces Great Eastern Group as US East Coast distributor for its 'Predator' ROV

*~ Marine engineering company to distribute the state-of-the-art ROV
- Demonstration Facility in Rhode Island*

Chelmsford UK, 22 February 2011: Global Marine Systems has announced that Great Eastern Group, an operational offshore company specialising in programme management, environmental compliance, geophysical surveys, marine construction, and ship management & operations, will distribute its state-of-the art Inspection Class ROV system 'Predator' in Rhode Island.

Based in Florida, with offices and marine facilities in Rhode Island Great Eastern Group is the latest international distributor for Global Marine's innovative Inspection Class ROV.

"The fact that Predator was designed by marine engineers with practical, hands-on in field experience translates into a product that delivers beyond the scope of other ROVs in the industry," said Bruce Morris, Director of Programs, Great Eastern Group. As a leader in the US marine and engineering operations industry, we are dedicated to investing in the very latest technology and believe that the Predator sets itself apart from the competition."

Great Eastern will be running a series of demonstrations of the Predator out of its Marine facilities in Barrington, Rhode Island.

"There is an emerging demand for these types of versatile, low cost ROV's for a wide range of uses from underwater harbour security to structural inspections for things such as bridges, seawalls, and future installations such as offshore wind turbines." said Morris.

Designed and built at its Portland facility in Dorset UK, the Predator uses the very latest high-reliability technology to ensure maximum operating efficiency for a number of marine operations including; the inspection of submarine cables, general seabed, harbour and inland waterway inspection, search and rescue and military applications.

Global Marine's 300m rated Inspection Class ROV system Predator was developed to meet the ever demanding markets for rugged and reliable underwater viewing and survey systems.

"We are pleased that Great Eastern Group has chosen our Predator ROV for its innovative technology ideally suited to a number of submarine offshore operations," explained Ray Ward, business development manager, Subsea Services, Global Marine Systems. "Great Eastern Group not only brings regional knowledge but also technical expertise to expand the presence of Global Marine's ROV in the offshore and renewable energy industries."

Global Marine will be exhibiting at Underwater Intervention 2011, 22nd – 24th February in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Global Marine Systems, the largest independent provider of submarine cables, installation, maintenance and related engineering services worldwide, has been in business for well over 160 years. Operating the world's largest fleet of cable ships and subsea vehicles, it is a market leader in marine cable installation, maintenance and related engineering services for offshore power, telecommunication and the oil and gas life industries. Global Marine is headquartered in the United Kingdom, with resources throughout Europe, Asia Pacific and the Americas.