

Global Marine Systems' Predator ROV finalist in South & West Dorset Open 4 Business awards

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category ~

Chelmsford, UK 05 October 2010 - Global Marine Systems' 'Predator' ROV has been shortlisted in the 'Technology & Innovation' category for the 2010 South & West Dorset Open 4 Business awards. Remote-operated-vehicles (ROVs) designed to overcome every ocean floor challenge imaginable are used by Global Marine to quickly, efficiently and effectively lay cable in deep or shallow water or to retrieve cable for repair.

The awards, which celebrate the achievements of local businesses and aim to promote a sustainable business community for Dorset, will be held at Weymouth College on the evening of 7th October 2010.

Global Marine Systems is based in Chelmsford, Essex, but has an ROV training facility at its depot in Portland, Dorset. The company has been shortlisted for the wealth of engineering expertise it has applied to advancing and investing in state-of-the-art ROV technologies which have brought the Predator to market.

A modular, 300m rated inspection class ROV system, the Predator uses the very latest technology to ensure maximum operating efficiency in a number of marine operations. Well-equipped for a broad range of observation and inspection tasks, the Predator is particularly well-suited to the offshore wind market and was specifically manufactured to meet the demand for a ruggedised, modular and easily-repairable system which could cope with the lack of visibility, strong currents and seabed topography which accompany cable installation for offshore wind farms. The Predator's modular design also supports multiple add-ons giving customers a near-customised experience without the cost and on-staff engineering expertise usually required to operate such systems.

"We're delighted to be shortlisted for these awards which recognise the achievements of local companies," said John Davies, Managing Director, Subsea Services, Global Marine



Systems. “The Predator was designed and built by marine engineers with practical in-field experience, and is the result of our continued commitment to filling a gap in the subsea market for flexible, cost-effective equipment. We are honoured to have our efforts recognised by Open 4 Business, and we are delighted that companies such as Global Marine are putting Dorset on the map as a home for thriving businesses.”

About Global Marine Systems

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 and maintenance for telecommunications; subsea cable maintenance, installation and related services as well as offshore power; cable installation and maintenance for renewable energy and subsea inter-connects; oil and gas life of field services. We are headquartered in the United Kingdom, with resources throughout Europe, Asia Pacific and the Americas.

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