



Unique System (UK) Ltd

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Unique System (UK) expands rental pool with \$1m GAPS purchase

Aberdeen (November 18, 2010) – **Unique System (UK) Ltd**, a global provider of specialised products, services and turnkey solutions to the diving and survey industries, has further expanded its rental pool of global acoustic positioning systems (GAPS) with an order for additional systems and transponder beacons from iXSea worth more than \$1m. Unique System is a principal supplier of high-performance subsea positioning systems to customers worldwide.

Since the introduction of GAPS to the offshore industry a few years ago, operators have been impressed by the accuracy, reliability and portability of these units which combine acoustic positioning, inertial navigation and GPS technologies. GAPS are designed for high-accuracy tracking of ROVs, AUVs, divers and sonar or other towed systems. As the most accurate USBL in its category, it works in deep or extremely shallow water and difficult environments where other systems have failed.

Olivier Cervantes, VP sales & marketing EMEA & LATAM at iXSea, said: “We are delighted that Unique System, a leading provider of solutions to the industry, has invested in GAPS. GAPS is a pre-calibrated USBL system that allows Unique System to offer companies working offshore high quality equipment with excellent performance. The industry’s demand for GAPS has increased significantly over recent months as a result of its unique ability to provide highly accurate positioning in a wide range of difficult scenarios – including on barges, in shallow water or on noisy vessels.”

Ray Hughes, managing director of Unique System (UK), said, “This is a significant order which is in direct response to increased market demand for these systems worldwide. Overall our equipment inventory has grown significantly as we continue to invest in the latest products and technologies from leading manufacturers in order to meet customer requirements.”

In addition to iXSea’s GAPS technology, Unique System also offers their OCTANS gyrocompass and motion sensor units for rental. Furthermore, Unique System (UK) recently purchased iXSea’s full range of acoustic release mechanisms which are available worldwide from the company’s UK operating facilities in Aberdeen.

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About Unique Maritime Group

Founded in 1993, Unique Maritime Group is a leading global provider of specialist integrated services for marine, offshore construction, hydrographic survey, environmental, non-destructive testing and diving.

The company’s mission is to continue to develop its established market share through both organic and strategic acquisition growth. Unique Maritime Group currently serves its customers through its already established global network and facilities and employs in excess of 350 people at its bases worldwide.

For more information about Unique Maritime Group visit the website at www.uniquegroup.com.

About iXSea

Formed in 2000, iXSea designs and manufactures navigation and positioning systems based on its state-of-the-art Fibre Optic Gyroscope technology, along with a complete range of seafloor mapping solutions for the scientific, offshore and defence industries.

iXSea is part of the iXBlue group, built around companies that are well known for their continuous innovation. The group provides a range of fine, high-technology equipment, systems and turnkey solutions in the areas of navigation and surveillance, underwater positioning and communication, seabed imaging and surveying. iXBlue is able to combine its unique technologies, products, systems and services from across its subsidiaries to provide the kind of solutions that cannot be found anywhere else in the industry.

In 2010, iXBlue employs 500 people with a turnover of €95m.

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