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Schilling Robotics Adds Horsepower to UHD™ ROV for Phoenix International

Davis, California—February 28, 2006. To meet the offshore industry’s demands for more power, Schilling Robotics is upgrading its ultraheavy-duty, hydraulic UHD™ 05 ROV, ordered by Phoenix International, from 150 shp to 200 shp. Schilling’s ability to accommodate Phoenix’s upgrade request reflects the company’s early preparation for expected general increases in subsea activity. By expanding ROV horsepower to the next level, Schilling is providing ROVs with the power to handle more equipment in deeper water with strong currents.

Upgrading from 150 to 200 shp increases the UHD’s™ thrust capability by almost 25%, adding to the Phoenix fleet’s ability to perform demanding, deep-water construction tasks while handling the strong Gulf of Mexico Loop Current.



Frank Sayle, general manager of the Phoenix International Subsea Projects Group, says that the upgraded ROV will be a valuable asset. “Because there is a ‘new frontier’ of demanding, deepwater projects in the Gulf of Mexico, our fleet needs the most capable ROVs that we can buy. This power upgrade for the UHD™, along with the vehicle’s

3,500-meter depth rating, will further equip us to handle these demanding projects.” Sayle continues, “Phoenix is vigorously pursuing projects for deepwater construction and subsea tieback, so the UHD’s™ ability to simultaneously lift and move ultraheavy loads will be very valuable.”

According to Ron Bernier, Schilling’s sales manager for remote systems, the upgrade process has gone smoothly. Bernier says, “Because the UHD™ is designed to make power upgrades simple and easy, we were able to satisfy our customer’s requirement for more power without delaying the delivery.” Bernier believes that this type of service fits with Schilling’s goal to be on the forefront of all subsea industry facets—products, service, support, and technology—to satisfy the industry’s growing demands.

The UHD™ 05 ROV, which is rated to 3,500 meters, will be delivered to Phoenix’s Subsea Projects Group in Houston, Texas in June 2006. It will be the first UHD™ system to operate in the Gulf of Mexico.

About Phoenix International, Inc.

Phoenix International uses a variety of manned and unmanned technologies supported by highly experienced operators and engineers to develop cost-effective solutions to a wide range of underwater challenges. The company’s clients include governments and their militaries, oil & gas, marine insurance, submarine cable, film industries, science, and academia.

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About Schilling Robotics, LLC

Headquartered in Davis, California, with regional offices in Houston and Aberdeen, Schilling Robotics designs and delivers the world's highest-performing, basic building blocks for subsea equipment operating in the world's harshest environments. The company brings technology expertise and innovation in control, communication, and actuation (gained through 20 years of market leadership) to the challenges facing customers in subsea environments. This combination of expertise and experience has led to the development of a revolutionary modular component approach, the Remote Systems Engine™ (RSE), and to the design of subsea equipment that leverages commonalities across systems and applications to deliver highly reliable, easily integrated solutions.

Schilling Robotics has formed the Schilling Sub-Atlantic Alliance with Sub-Atlantic Ltd of Aberdeen, U.K. to pool the companies' resources for sales, service, product development, and marketing. The alliance benefits customers by providing a wide range of subsea vehicles, vehicle components, and control systems that can be purchased from a single source, and by strengthening worldwide support for alliance products.

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