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### **Hobart Birmingham and Taft Symonds Join Schilling Robotics Board of Directors**

**Davis, California - November 13, 2008.** Schilling Robotics, Inc. announced the appointment of Hobart "Hobey" Birmingham and Taft Symonds to its Board of Directors. Schilling, a leading global producer of subsea control systems, remotely operated vehicles (ROV), and other high-technology equipment and services for subsea exploration and production, is growing at a 40% rate and is rapidly expanding its customer base around the world.

Schilling's Chairman of the Board and Founder, Tyler Schilling, commented, "We are very fortunate to have both Hobey and Taft join our Board of Directors. Both gentlemen have a wealth of experience that is complementary to our Company's expertise, and I look forward to the guidance and knowledge they will contribute to our Board."

Birmingham is a managing director of The Perreault Birmingham Group LLC, which provides consulting and investment banking services to high technology companies. With a legacy of success in legal and executive positions with companies such as Borland Software, Apple Computer and as a partner in the international law firm of Graham and James, Birmingham's experience is particularly relevant to Schilling's international business expansion. Birmingham received a J.D. cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School and an A.B. cum laude from Princeton University, and he is proficient in Japanese.

Symonds has been the Chairman of the Board at private investment firm Symonds Trust Co. Ltd. since 1978. Symonds's depth of experience in the oil and gas industry will support Schilling's initiative to gain market share in the subsea controls market. He currently serves as a director at oil and gas midstream company Plains All American GP LLC and at oilfield supply company Howard Supply, LLC. Symonds has previously served on the boards of Tetra Technologies, Inc., Plains Explorations & Production, Inc., Maurice Pincoffs Company, Inc., and Houston's Young Presidents Organization. Symonds has a background in both investment and commercial banking, including stints in New York, London, Paris and Hong Kong. Symonds received a B.A. from Stanford University and an MBA from Harvard University.

**A Global, Deep-Ocean Robotics Company.** Founded in 1985, Schilling Robotics is a robotics technology company that today produces subsea control systems, ROVs, and other subsea equipment primarily for deep-ocean petroleum and gas exploration and production around the world. Schilling Robotics' customers include offshore oilfield equipment and service providers such as Acergy UK Limited, Bourbon Subsea Services, Expro North Sea Limited, and Oceaneering International, Inc. Schilling is headquartered in Davis, California, and supports regional offices in Houston, Texas and Aberdeen, Scotland. Schilling is an employee-owned company, and with a total staff of more than 300. Further information about Schilling Robotics can be found at [www.schilling.com](http://www.schilling.com). The Schilling Business Diary includes information about Schilling, the ROV industry, and emerging technology in offshore exploration.  
<http://www.globalprovince.com/schillingroboticsindex.htm>.

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