

**News Release**

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## **Global Marine launches new ROV training facility to meet industry demand**

*Real World Training Using Production ROVs in the sea off Portland*

**Chelmsford, UK:** Global Marine Systems Limited, a leading provider of subsea marine engineering, has launched a new Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) training facility designed to meet increasing demand for experienced ROV-trained personnel within the subsea industry.

The ICMA (International Maritime Contractors Association)-aligned courses and certificate of competency scheme are run from Global Marine's [Portland Depot](#) and in the surrounding waters combining theoretical work with practical experience. It is open to both Global Marine employees and individuals and companies throughout the industry and can be tailored to meet an organisation's exact needs.

Global Marine has a dedicated Sea Eye Falcon, a Trojan Work Class ROV, and an Open Frame Sprint at the depot, to give trainees hands-on experience with equipment they would be using in their future role. There are also a number of workshop activities that take a trainee through practical experience of electrical, electronic and hydraulic systems to include an operational sonar and cameras to a full reterm of an armoured umbilical. In addition, theoretical coursework is complemented with a simulator used for computer-based training and scenario modelling. These methods develop trainees in the role before going offshore as part of a team on an ROV or Plough System.

"This real world ROV training facility will help to fill the gap that exists in the market for trained ROV personnel and act as a training port hole for those small operators who do not have the means to have their own in house scheme." said John Davies, Manager of the Training Programme at Global Marine, "By offering training which is flexible, informative, and run to industry recognised standards and best practice, we can ensure that trainees have the right skill sets to contribute to advances in the Subsea industry."

The three week course teaches terminology crucial to related roles and covers a range of topics, including permit to work systems and types of offshore structure together with new skills a Pilot Technician will require. Those who apply should have relevant technical experience and skills but do not need to have worked offshore or with ROVs previously. This makes the course an excellent starting point for those interested in such a career.

Trainees are evaluated through exams, assignments and practical assessments and upon completion they are also then entered into the Global Marine Certificate of Competence Scheme which continues after the course ends and ensures that there is consistent training throughout the trainee's career.

Go to: [http://www.globalmarinesystems.com/cap\\_training\\_rovs.asp](http://www.globalmarinesystems.com/cap_training_rovs.asp) for more information.

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**About Global Marine**

Global Marine, an independent marine engineering company, has been in business for well over 150 years and continues to be the pre-eminent provider of submarine cable installation and maintenance services in the world. 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, as well as scientific research, oil, gas, utilities and the renewable energy sector.

Global Marine is headquartered in the United Kingdom with regional offices in the United States and Asia. The company has established strategic alliances with several of the industry's leading companies and has successful Joint Ventures and partnerships with SBSS in China (China Telecom), NTTWE Marine in Japan (NTT) and ICPL in Singapore (SingTel and ACPL).

Global Marine has installed more undersea fibre optic cables than any other operator, and more than 50% of the world's buried fibre-optic cables have been installed by Global Marine. And between 30 and 40% of all subsea cables repairs and maintenance are undertaken by the company.

Global Marine has recently completed a number of projects in the oil and gas industry. In 2006 it partnered with Talisman Energy (UK) Limited, Scottish & Southern Energy and the Department of Trade and Industry on a landmark offshore wind farm project - the Beatrice Wind Farm Demonstrator Project. This flagship project for

offshore wind energy saw the installation of two wind turbines 25km off the east coast of Scotland which tested the viability of Beatrice Oil field as a future site for a commercial deep water wind farm. It also completed a power cable installation project between Finland and Estonia for ABB, a global leader in power and automation technologies, as part of the Estlink project. Estlink will supply the Nordic electricity market with electricity generated in the Baltics and create a competitive power market between the two regions.

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