



**News Release**  
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## **Global Marine's 100-day Canyon Offshore charter**

**Chelmsford, UK:** Canyon Offshore, part of the Helix Energy Solutions Group, has selected Global Marine Systems Limited (Global Marine), the independent market-leading subsea cable installation and maintenance company for a ground-breaking charter to Papua New Guinea.

Global Marine has assigned the 10,105 tonne Wave Mercury, captained by Commander Kevin Widdowson, to steam from Singapore to an area off the coast of Papua New Guinea. Global Marine has proven experience of delivering survey charters to the oil and gas markets in the region and is operating in this area for the first time.

"Global Marine is delighted to be working with Canyon Offshore on this landmark project in Papua New Guinea," said Gabriel Ruhan, Global Marine's CEO. "As we continue to expand our business into multiple sectors, our work with Canyon Offshore is proving to be an excellent match for the unique skills, vessels and equipment Global Marine brings to a project. It marks another step forward in our diversification into new markets and we are confident that its success will serve as a benchmark for the rest of the industry."

Scott Sparks, Vice President of Trenching Services for Canyon said, "The CS Wave Mercury will be an ideal platform to support this operation. The vessel has two ST200 ROVs on board which have been modified for surveying. The 38-man Global Marine crew and 29 representatives will be at sea for 100-days, and are pleased to be in position to extend this charter if necessary. We chose Global Marine as a partner on this project because of the unrivalled experience of their fleet."

"We are home to an array of world-class marine engineering personnel, vehicles and equipment," agrees Pete Howson, Global Marine Subsea Sales Services Manager. "This

vessel charter is another area where Global Marine is diversifying in the Marine industry to support other opportunities with our assets and personnel.”

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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).

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**About Canyon Offshore**

Established in 1996, Canyon Offshore is one of the most innovative and reliable specialty marine contractors in the world. Canyon's fleet of high-end, innovative ROV systems and skilled offshore teams ensure consistent quality results on the critical path for deepwater projects. The company currently operates 26 ROV and burial systems including 19 heavy work class systems and 4 trenching and cable burial systems. To date Canyon has performed more than 800 projects worldwide in all areas of activity and most regions of the world. The focus has been on construction work where demands on both equipment and personnel are highest. We have also had significant experience operating in deep water with many projects in excess of 7,000 feet. In 2002, Canyon became a member of the Helix group of companies, which greatly expanded Canyon's ability to further develop global markets. It also provided access to a large fleet of dynamically positioned vessels and considerable project management resources and capabilities.

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