

News Release

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Global Marine Systems Limited at SubOptic 2007

Chelmsford, UK: Global Marine Systems Limited (Global Marine), the independent market leading provider of submarine cable installation and maintenance services, is delighted to announce that at SubOptic2007 not only will they be a key exhibitor and gold sponsor, but will be fielding a number of speakers hosting presentations, roundtable discussions and poster sessions for the conventions' comprehensive conference programme.

SubOptic, the premier international convention for the undersea telecommunications industry, takes place from May 14th -17th at Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland, USA. This years event promises to be one which will be talked about within the industry for months to come, with leaders from premier companies such as 3U Technologies, Alcatel-Lucent, CTC Marine Projects, Fujitsu, Tyco and of course Global Marine, networking throughout the four days of the conference.

The programme for the conference is built around content provided by professionals of the submarine cabling industry. As part of the TuA1 'Going Deep : Marine Services and Operations' presentations, Joel Whitman, Director of Corporate Strategy, Marketing and Communications, has been invited by Sub Optic to present his views on 'The future of the Universal Joint Consortium'. This presentation will take place on May 15th between 2pm – 3:30pm and will give a non-partisan status of the UJC, propose some concrete suggestions for change and provide examples of how an improved UJC might restore some significant cooperation and accountability to the industry.

Representatives of Global Marine are also presenting a number of papers which have been peer-reviewed and submitted as poster displays within the 'Poster Sessions' organized to take place on May 16th from 3.30pm - 6.00pm. Phil Hart (Engineering Director) will present his views on "JADE: A Universal Tool for Consistent Jointing Performance and Data Recording Throughout the Submarine Cable Industry?"; Tim Thornett "Power Safety - A

Global Standard?"; Craig Beech – "What next for the universal joint?" and Steve Searle will present "Marine crew training and competence - raising the standard". These poster sessions have been designed to provide insight into key industry issues within an interactive and social environment.

Also featured within the conference are a number of panel sessions. The topics for discussion have been carefully chosen to stimulate debate within the Sub Optic audience around areas of greatest interest to the industry, allowing all members of the community a chance to have their voices heard. Stephen Scott, Commercial Director of Global Marine will represent the company in the TuA2 panel session on Non-Telecom Applications taking place on May 15th: 4:30-6:30 PM and on May 16th from 10:30 Joel Whitman is participating in a Round Table event, moderated by Howard Kidorf of Pioneer Consulting entitled "Finding Economic Equilibrium: Impossible Dream or Worthwhile Pursuit?"

Global Marine is a key exhibitor at SubOptic and will be found in booth numbers 106, 108, 110, and 112; visitors to the booths can also meet senior company representatives who will be happy to answer any questions about the companys' products and services and discuss their views on current industry issues. Present from Global Marine will be Gabriel Ruhan (CEO, Global Marine); Ian Douglas (Asia Pacific Director); John Neal (Sales Director); Jonathan Annals (Strategic Accounts Director); John Pattison (Customer Operations Director) and from SBSS: Dick Borwick and Cai Haimin; and from NTTWE Marine: Martin Hutchings.

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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.

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