



The MUNIN AUV will be available from the Aberdeen-based rental pool from May 2016

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## **Kongsberg Maritime: Kongsberg Maritime Ltd to Grow Rental Service with MUNIN AUV**

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Kongsberg Maritime Ltd, the UK division of Kongsberg Maritime, has announced the expansion of its extensive subsea Aberdeen-based rental pool, with the addition of its sophisticated new MUNIN AUV (Autonomous Underwater Vehicle).

MUNIN is designed to collect high resolution payload data, geo-referenced by a survey grade positioning system. Capable of providing the same high-level performance and survey accuracy as the established KONGSBERG AUV range, MUNIN is a compact vehicle which enables effortless launch and recovery, as well as the possibility of using smaller launch vessels.

The AUV will be available from May 2016, and the announcement comes as Kongsberg Maritime is to exhibit at Oceanology International in London on March 15, 16 and 17.

In order to enhance the existing portfolio of Kongsberg Maritime's rental equipment, which supports customers within the offshore oil and gas, environmental and renewable energy markets, a marine robotics lab was specifically created at the Aberdeen base. The marine robotics lab will also support customers of KONGSBERG's Seaglider, providing routine maintenance, vehicle overhauls and spare parts. This means customers no longer have to ship the Seaglider vehicles to the United States for service, saving significant time, effort and money.

Keith Thomson, rental manager, Kongsberg Maritime Ltd, said: "The addition of MUNIN to our comprehensive inventory of rental products underlines KONGSBERG's commitment to supporting our customer base, giving them the opportunity to utilise our latest cutting edge technologies without having to procure assets at the outset and finance any capital expenditure.

"Underwater robotics is an evolving technology which offers significant advantages over traditional methods, not only do they offer customers low utilisation costs, high reliability and easy deployment, they also produce clean, quality data requiring little to no user processing."

The rental service offers a vast range of other KONGSBERG products including portable hydro acoustic positioning systems and associated subsea transponders, shallow to medium water depth seabed mapping systems, vessel reference systems and sensors.

Visit Kongsberg Maritime Ltd on stand D600 at Oceanology International 2016 to find out more about the company's rental services.

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## **About Kongsberg Maritime**

Kongsberg Maritime is a global marine technology company providing innovative and reliable technology solutions for all marine industry sectors including merchant, offshore, subsea and naval. Headquartered in Kongsberg, Norway, the company has manufacturing, sales and service facilities in 20 countries and a total of 65 worldwide offices.

Kongsberg Maritime developed systems for vessels cover all aspects of automation, control, navigation, safety and dynamic positioning. Kongsberg Maritime also develops subsea solutions covering systems for Underwater Mapping (UMAP), Underwater Navigation (UNAV), Subsea Monitoring (SUMO) and Marine Robotics in addition underwater cameras.

Marine and offshore training simulators, LNG equipment, information management software, position reference systems, integrated aquaculture technology and advanced products to support seismic and drilling operations are also part of the company's diverse portfolio.

In parallel with its extensive technology portfolio, Kongsberg Maritime provides services within EIT (Electro, Instrument & Telecom) engineering and system integration, on an EPC (Engineering, Procurement & Construction) basis.

Kongsberg Maritime delivers solutions that cover all aspects of technology underwater and on the water, aboard new build and retrofit vessels, and on offshore platforms and rigs, often under a single supplier strategy called The Full Picture.

Kongsberg Maritime is part of Kongsberg Gruppen (KONGSBERG), an international, knowledge-based group that celebrated 200 years in business

during 2014. KONGSBERG supplies high-technology systems and solutions to customers in the oil and gas industry, the merchant marine, and the defence and aerospace industries.

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