



Press Release

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OHM SECURES VESSEL FOR THREE-CONTINENT SURVEY PROGRAMME

Offshore Hydrocarbon Mapping plc (“OHM”) has announced today that it has chartered a survey vessel for a five-month Controlled Source Electromagnetic (CSEM) survey programme in North West Europe, West Africa and the Falkland Islands.

The 81-meter *CS Teneo* has been chartered from marine services company Tyco Telecommunications to provide a support platform for a number of CSEM surveys. The *CS Teneo* is currently being prepared for the OHM survey work.

“We need a vessel that can not only provide a platform for equipment deployment and recovery operations, but also that is able to meet the demands and tight schedule of multiple client projects across three continents.” comments Dave Pratt, OHM’s CEO. “OHM has been working with Tyco in the North Sea and it was a logical choice to extend our work with them to other CSEM survey locations around the world.”

The Spanish-registered *CS Teneo*, a highly versatile 81-meter vessel, forms part of a fleet of specialized vessels and sub-sea equipment owned and operated by Tyco Telecommunications which also includes six 140m Reliance Class vessels.

“The *CS Teneo* has a long track record of effective and economic operations over a range of offshore projects. She is well suited to shelf operations and has been working in the Mediterranean, Caribbean and North European regions for the past year,” adds Mark Wickham, director for global sales, marine services, Tyco Telecommunications.

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Note to Editors

Controlled Source Electro-Magnetic imaging (CSEM) is potentially the most important new technology in the field of offshore oil & gas exploration since the advent of 3D seismic some twenty years ago. CSEM is an innovative offshore geophysical technique, employing electromagnetic remote-sensing technology to detect the presence and extent of hydrocarbon accumulations below the seabed. The CSEM survey uses a dipole source that is towed just above the seafloor to transmit an electromagnetic field into the earth. This field is modified by the presence of subsurface resistive layers and these changes are detected and logged by an array of receivers placed on the seabed.

Because hydrocarbon-bearing formations are highly resistive compared with surrounding formations, a CSEM survey can indicate the presence of oil and gas in offshore situations. CSEM imaging can significantly reduce the risk of drilling dry exploration wells creating considerable value for oil & gas explorers.

The technique was first used offshore Angola in 2000 and has since become a key deepwater exploration tool for the major oil companies. Very high success rates have been quoted by these companies, particularly when the results of a CSEM survey have been integrated with seismic interpretation.

About Tyco Telecommunications

Tyco Telecommunications, a business unit of Tyco Electronics and an industry pioneer in undersea communications technology and marine services, is a leading global supplier for today's undersea communications requirements.

Drawing on its heritage of technical innovation and industry recognized performance, the company delivers the most reliable, high-quality solutions to organizations with undersea communications needs vital to their core mission. In more than five decades of operation, Tyco Telecommunications has designed, manufactured, and installed more than 80 undersea fiber optic systems around the world. Tyco Telecommunication's global presence, backed by industry leading research and development laboratories, manufacturing facilities, installation and maintenance ships, depots, and management team work together to implement integrated solutions and network upgrades, with unsurpassed reliability, that support the needs of telecommunications, Internet providers, offshore and science customers worldwide.

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