

ASV Global Expands into South America



ASV Global has expanded into the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro. The new venture is being led by COPPE postgraduate and experienced naval architect Rafael Coelho. Rafael spent 5 years in the UK headquarters as head of Design and during that time established a strong design identity across the ASV product lines. Under Rafael's leadership the ASV design team have delivered more

than 80 ASVs for a variety of roles in commercial, defence and security environments. Rafael will retain his role as ASV design lead.

Working alongside local universities and authorities ASV is bringing the latest in Autonomous Surface Vehicle technology to the emerging South American market. ASV Global do Brasil LTDA will offer sales, customer support and operational services.

Cost Savings and Operational Efficiencies

Dan Hook, managing director of ASV sees lots of opportunities in Brazil and South America for autonomous systems to offer cost savings and operational efficiencies in applications such as bathymetric survey, security, oil & gas and marine science.

Fabio Nascimento from COPPE-UFRJ said that the opening of a Brazilian branch of one of the major autonomous vehicle manufacturers is very important to the local market, the research institutions and their continental partners. This opens up great possibilities of utilising this technology and offers customised design solutions for the needs of the Brazilian and South American industry and scientific community.

ASV Global currently operates from Portsmouth, UK, and Louisiana, USA.

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