

# Proteus Represents Mapping in British Trade Delegation to Libya

Proteus, a UK provider of satellite-derived bathymetric mapping and seabed classification services, represented the mapping industry in a British trade delegation to Tripoli, Libya, organised by the Libya-British Business Council (LBBC). Proteus presented potential solutions to coastal mapping challenges faced by Libya during meetings with the National Oil Corporation, Ports and Maritime Transport Authority, University of Tripoli, and Libyan Center for Remote Sensing.

Proteus CEO, David Critchley, said that at every meeting, the company was introduced to government ministers and business leaders who are eager to begin rebuilding Libya. Mapping would be the critical first step in rebuilding infrastructure across the country.

Invited to participate by Tilden International, Proteus was the sole mapping representative in the LBBC delegation, which included British companies involved in the energy, security and computing sectors. Held in late September 2013, the delegation mission was led by Sir Dominic Asquith, former British Ambassador to Libya.

Since 2011, Proteus has been delivering offshore mapping projects for environmental, oil & gas, marine biology and other coastal zone applications in Europe, the Middle East and Caribbean, completed in a fraction of the time and cost of traditional methods. Proteus is currently engaged in a major offshore project in the Arabian Gulf, providing bathymetric and seabed classification services in the coastal zone using satellite imagery.

According to Critchley, Libya sees development of its Mediterranean shipping ports as key to future economic success and upgrading existing ports and building new ones will require mapping the seafloor several kilometers from the coast. That was one of the reasons why Proteus was invited to join the delegation.

Proteus uses commercially developed processes to derive bathymetric and seafloor classification information from high-resolution, 8-band multispectral imagery collected by DigitalGlobe Inc.'s WorldView-2 satellite and acquired by Proteus through its direct relationship with DigitalGlobe. Derived products have high accuracy, meeting the requirements of engineering, environmental monitoring and strategic geospatial planning applications.

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