

# ROVOP Expands with Houston Office



ROVOP, headquartered in the UK, has launched its Western Hemisphere headquarters and support base in Houston, Texas, USA, and appointed three ROV industry professionals to lead the business. The facility is located in North West Houston on a 1.5-acre site which includes a 4,500-square-foot office and 17,300-square-foot workshop where the company will manage its fleet of FMC Schilling Robotics and SAAB Seaeeye ROVs.

Scott Wagner, Houston Managing Director, Brett “Gonzo” Eychner, Vice President, and Wayne Betts bring a combined total of more than 100 years’ global experience in the ROV services sector to ROVOP. Each individually spent more than 20 years with Oceaneering International including stints in Canada, Brazil, Angola and South East Asia. They join the

Aberdeen-based established management team and staff of 130 who have developed ROVOP into a leading player in the ROV field.

As well as five vessel based ROV systems already contracted in the region, ROVOP has invested in a further two complete ROV spreads that benefit from features making them especially attractive for deep water vessel and rig support applications.

The company recently mobilised two Schilling Ultra-Heavy Duty (UHD) Generation III ROVs, capable of closing a blow out preventer (BOP) within 45 seconds to meet American Petroleum Institute (API) requirements.

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