

New Marine Robotics Technical Centre Creates 60 Jobs



Ocean data collection company XOCEAN has recently announced the creation of 60 new jobs at the official opening of its new Technical Centre near Carlingford (Ireland). XOCEAN is transforming the way ocean data is collected using innovative marine robotics known as unmanned surface vessels (USVs). This innovative technology is designed and manufactured by the company in the Republic of Ireland.

Control Room to Operate USV Fleet

Using USVs, XOCEAN provides turnkey ocean data collection services ranging from mapping the seabed to inspecting subsea structures to monitoring the environment. The

new Technical Centre and 24-hour Control Room will act as a hub for operating XOCEAN's fleet of USVs globally.

8 New Vessels

XOCEAN's USVs offer significant benefits including safety with operators remaining onshore, the efficiency with 24/7 operations and environmental with ultra-low emissions which together leads to significant economic savings. The company is set to grow exponentially in the next 12 months, with eight additional vessels being added to the fleet. Therefore the company plans to recruit an additional 60 employees in the next year to meet increasing market demand.

Safe and Efficient USV Service

Commenting on the visit, Minister Heather Humphreys TD said: "Ireland is one of the largest maritime states in Europe and has the potential to become a global leader in the USV market and marine-tech sector. Supported by the Government through Enterprise Ireland, XOCEAN is a young, but innovative start-up company which is offering a safe and efficient USV service with both economic and environmental efficiencies."

About XOCEAN

Using unmanned surface vessels (USVs), XOCEAN provides turnkey data collection services to surveyors, companies, and agencies. From mapping the seabed to environmental monitoring, the platform offers a safe and economical solution to collecting ocean data. www.xocean.com.

Pictured left to right; Jennifer Melia, Enterprise Ireland, Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation and James Ives, CEO, XOCEAN.