

Subsea Technology and Rentals Expands Falcon Fleet



Subsea Technology & Rentals Ltd (STR) is adding an additional Saab Seaeye Falcon robotic vehicle to its global rental fleet of inspection-class vehicles, with planned investment for more Falcons in the near future. Growing demand over the last 12 months for the Falcon from clients in the oil & gas and renewable sectors has led STR to expand its rental resource, as the existing Falcons are currently on long-term rental.

The Falcon is the most successful electric underwater robotic system of its class in the world and has been proven over many years in numerous intricate and demanding missions and for working in high-current waters.

Improving market conditions

Announcing his decision, STR's managing director, Scott Johnstone, says: "At STR, we firmly believe that the investment of the new Saab Seaeye Falcon remotely operated vehicle system demonstrates our commitment to our clients and to improving market conditions. As an innovative company, STR understands the importance of investing and delivering class-leading technology to give our clients the very best solutions for their operations."

The Falcon's winning concept comes from having five powerful thrusters and an intelligent distributed control system arranged in a small, easily manhandled metre-long versatile chassis. Its power and control make it highly manoeuvrable and able to remain stable in strong crosscurrents whilst undertaking precision tasks.

Advanced iCON intelligent control offers precise station-keeping to allow the operator to concentrate on the task at hand, whilst the iCON system architecture makes for easy role change and ready customisation.

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