

USBL System for Mexican Market



C&C Technologies, headquartered in the USA, has purchased the iXBlue fourth-generation GAPS USBL acoustic positioning system for the company's Mexico division. This will be the first time the system is directly available to customers in Mexico. The system will be used to track subsea systems in shallow and deep waters in the Gulf of Mexico and to support a range of other subsea applications such as ROVs, subsea equipment placement and diver operations.

As part of the formal qualification programme, C&C staff put the new [GAPS system](#) through a number of challenging test scenarios, enabling C&C Technologies to track and position a transponder, moving through very shallow waters (2–3m depth) to a range of

1,300m.

Jose Aguilar, Mexico general manager of C&C Technologies, said that the pre-calibrated feature of the system reduces project time and translates to higher profitability for C&C. Dan Andersen, responsible for offshore sales and business development at iXBlue Inc. Houston, USA, added that critically for C&C's requirements in Mexico, the unit is suitable for deep water (greater than 4000m) and very shallow water (less than 10m) environments. The system can also be deployed from noisy vessels and in reflective environments such as harbours.