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Wired Ocean Provides Internet Access for 100 Crew

Crew internet installed on offshore support vessel, Acergy Osprey

Wired Ocean's unique marine broadband solution has been selected to provide crew internet on board SubSea 7's Acergy Osprey. The contract was awarded following a successful three month evaluation contract.

With up to 108 crew at sea for four weeks at a time, internet is a must-have for the Acergy Osprey. Typically, 10 to 20 crew members are online at any one time, using computers, laptops, iPhones, smart phones and iPads to access the service. The crew internet devices connect to Wired Ocean's S-Box via Wi-Fi access points.

Wired Ocean's service was chosen to complement the existing VSAT system, which is used for operational and client communications. Adding Wired Ocean to the VSAT preserves existing VSAT capacity for operational communications, while enabling cost effective download-oriented web browsing for crew use.

"We're very pleased to contribute to the welfare of the crew on board Acergy Osprey by providing internet access at affordable prices." says Victor Barendse, Managing Director, Wired Ocean. "The decision to fit Wired Ocean reflects our ability to provide a fast, reliable service dedicated to the crew whilst fully protecting the vessel's operational communications from the significant volume of crew internet usage."

Subsea 7 is a global leader in seabed-to-surface engineering, construction and services. With its class leading station keeping ability, dive vessel Acergy Osprey supports subsea construction and diving operations.

Wired Ocean offers a unique maritime broadband downlink service that is optimised for today's downlink hungry internet use and is received by a low-cost satellite TV antenna. The service provides highly competitive, fixed airtime costs for the downlink, and uses the vessel's primary satcoms system, mobile or VSAT for the uplink.

For more information on the Wired Ocean method, visit www.wiredocean.com.

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