



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Acergy Expands ROV Fleet with Schilling UHD™

Davis, California—March 23, 2006. Schilling Robotics announced today that Acergy has purchased two Schilling ultraheavy-duty hydraulic ROVs. These 150-shp, 3000-m ROV systems, which are based on Schilling's UHD™ ROV, will add power, flexibility, and enhanced vehicle control and intervention capability to Acergy's remote intervention fleet.

Acergy evaluated a range of work-class ROV systems on the market before choosing the UHD technology as the best suited for their requirements.

Acergy performs a wide variety of subsea construction tasks worldwide. Its core business consists of installing umbilical, riser, and flowline (URF) systems and also providing subsea inspection, maintenance, and repair (IMR) services for oil and gas fields. Increasingly for these tasks, ROV power, control, and versatility are key requirements. For power and control, the UHD technology offers an unmatched ability to maneuver heavy loads under close control. Versatility comes from the use of modular components and from the readily expandable plug 'n' play capability of Schilling's Digital Telemetry System™, which includes advanced capabilities such as HDTV. The Acergy ROV will also have versatile remote intervention interfaces for rapid reconfiguration between tasks.

Acergy based its purchasing decision on Schilling's innovations in control and propulsion technology, new approaches to component design and materials selection, and the ability to provide systems tailored to Acergy's specific remote intervention requirements.

The new ROV systems are the product of a collaboration between the two companies to produce a new fleet vehicle for Acergy. The ROV systems have all the core UHD technologies, but they also incorporate features to enhance operational efficiency by allowing simple and flexible configuration for mission-specific tasks.

Schilling Robotics CEO Tyler Schilling believes that the collaboration between the two companies will produce an exceptionally capable ROV. "We're very pleased about partnering with Acergy to create these ROV systems," says Schilling. "Because Acergy has extensive experience in designing, configuring, and operating ROVs, they understand the value of the advanced UHD technology and modular design. They also have terrific insight into component layout, frame design, and use of tooling packages."

Both ROV systems will include Schilling's XE™ TMS. The TMS can load up to 825 m of 35-mm tether, and offers this extended-excursion capacity without increasing overall TMS size. Tether capacity is increasingly important in Acergy's pipelay business, where work often needs to be performed at extended distances from its vessels.

The new Acergy ROV systems will be installed aboard the *Polar Queen*, which has been recently chartered by Acergy for deepwater flexible pipelay and subsea construction tasks worldwide. The ROVs will support this work in depths up to 2000 m. Both systems will be delivered in November 2006.

WWW.SSAALLIANCE.COM

**Schilling Robotics
Headquarters**
201 Cousteau Place
Davis, CA 95616-5412 U.S.A.
Tel: +1 530 753 6718
Fax: +1 530 753 8092

**Schilling Robotics/Sub-Atlantic
Gulf of Mexico Regional Office**
11757 Katy Freeway, Suite 1300
Houston, TX 77079-1725 U.S.A.
Tel: +1 281 854 2049
Fax: +1 281 854 2249

Sub-Atlantic Ltd. Headquarters
Woodburn Road
Blackburn Business Park, Blackburn
Aberdeen AB21 0PS U.K.
Tel: +44 (0) 1224 798 660
Fax: +44 (0) 1224 798 661

**Schilling Robotics Ltd.
North Sea Regional Office**
51 York Street
Aberdeen AB11 5DP U.K.
Tel: +44 (0) 1224 560 900
Fax: +44 (0) 1224 560 901





About Schilling Robotics, LLC

Headquartered in Davis, California, with regional offices in Houston and Aberdeen, Schilling Robotics designs and delivers the world's highest-performing, basic building blocks for subsea equipment operating in the world's harshest environments.

Schilling Robotics has formed the Schilling Sub-Atlantic Alliance with Sub-Atlantic Ltd of Aberdeen, U.K. to pool the companies' resources for sales, service, product development, and marketing. The alliance benefits customers by providing a wide range of subsea vehicles, vehicle components, and control systems that can be purchased from a single source, and by strengthening worldwide support for alliance products.

For More Information

Jason Stanley, VP and Regional Manager

Schilling Robotics, LLC

Tel: +1 281 854 2049

Fax: +1 281 854 2249

jason.stanley@schilling.com

www.ssaalliance.com