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Bluefin Promotes Wallsmith to Chief Technology Officer

CAMBRIDGE, MA – Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) manufacturer, Bluefin Robotics announced today the promotion of Dr. Christopher Wallsmith to Chief Technology Officer. Dr. Wallsmith will have the primary responsibility to advise and guide the company on its overall research and development path. He will also play a key role in building a vision of future AUV technology capabilities and communicating the vision to that technical staff and media.



Dr. Christopher Wallsmith

"Chris has done a tremendous job assisting Bluefin in acquiring and developing new technologies that improve our vehicle systems," said Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Brian Abraham. "He has exhibited critical leadership qualities and swift decision-making skills in the time he has worked for Bluefin. I am very pleased to see him move into this well-deserved position."

Dr. Christopher Wallsmith joined Bluefin in 2002 as Manager of the Software Department and quickly moved to the head of the Quality Department and then Chief Knowledge Officer (CKO). In conjunction with his new CTO position, Wallsmith will remain the head of the Quality Department so he can continue to focus on establishing and evolving Bluefin processes, software and hardware quality control, reliability engineering, and customer service as key components become productized.

Prior to joining Bluefin, Dr. Wallsmith worked as a Senior Software Engineer at iRobot, participating in the development of the Coworker internet robot and the PackBot. He has also worked at the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory as a member of the Simulation Laboratory.

Wallsmith received his PhD in Ocean Engineering from MIT in 1998 for work on Integrating Navigation and Mapping, providing a moving sensor formulation of the multiple hypothesis tracking (MHT) problem. Wallsmith received his SM, also in Ocean Engineering, for work on the vertical-plane dynamic control of survey-class AUVs.

Wallsmith was a consultant for Florida Power and Light as part of their successful bid to become the first non-Japanese corporation to earn the Deming Prize for quality performance in 1989, awarded by the Japanese Union of Scientists and Engineers (JUSE). He also developed the Reduction of Excess Steam Emission and Air Leakage (RESEAL) program to provide long-term monitoring and quality improvement at Florida Power and Light's Martin Plant.

About Bluefin Robotics Corporation

Bluefin Robotics is a global leader in the design, development and fabrication of autonomous underwater vehicles. Headquartered in Cambridge, MA, Bluefin is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Battelle Memorial Institute and specializes in engineering and commercializing the most durable, reliable, and user-friendly Unmanned Undersea Vehicles (UUVs) and derivative products, including navigation, propulsion, communication, power and adaptive behavior driven systems.

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