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Bluefin Robotics and Global Marine Systems announce Commercial AUV Partnership for UK Market

Cambridge, MA, USA—March 31, 2009— Bluefin Robotics Corporation a leading Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) manufacturer, has announced an exclusive UK distribution agreement with Global Marine Systems, an independent marine engineering company. Under the agreement Global Marine Systems will sell and service Bluefin AUVs as well as train and certify personnel for operation. The agreement highlights the emergence of AUVs as a cost effective and capable tool for use in all types of subsea engineering projects.

Spun off in 1997 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology AUV Laboratory in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Bluefin Robotics is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Battelle Memorial Institute. Bluefin's track record of developing and fielding AUVs has led to dramatic gains in capability, performance, and applicability allowing for a rapid expansion of commercial applications for the technology.

"We are thrilled to be working with Global Marine Systems to deliver and operate AUVs to a variety of commercial users in the UK" said David Kelly, President of Bluefin Robotics. "Bluefin AUVs are capable reaching the sea floor almost anywhere in the world and robust enough to be deployed in extreme conditions. Global Marine and their customers have significant expertise in operating in these exact locations, which makes this agreement the ideal partnership."

AUV sales, service and training will be managed at Global Marine Systems within the Subsea Services Group. Headquartered in Portland, UK the Subsea Services Group manages all ROV, Survey and AUV services and training making the addition of the Bluefin products a natural extension of the division.

"AUV technology is coming of age, and are an excellent alternative for many of our customers in industries such as Oil & Gas, Telecommunications, Offshore Power, Waterway security and Academic research." said John Davies, Manager, Subsea Service Group, Global Marine Systems. "We see AUVs and their capabilities as very complimentary with our longstanding expertise in ROVs and Survey and our positive experience with Bluefin in particular makes us very enthusiastic about this market."

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ABOUT BLUEFIN ROBOTICS

Bluefin Robotics manufactures and develops Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) vehicles, systems, and technology. Founded in 1997, the Company has grown to become a world leader in AUV products designed for military, commercial (oil and gas exploration, sea floor mapping), archaeological, and other applications. Bluefin Robotics is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Battelle Memorial Institute. For more information visit www.bluefinrobotics.com or contact Deanna Abraham at (617) 715-7080 or at dabraham@bluefinrobotics.com

ABOUT GLOBAL MARINE

Global Marine, an independent marine engineering company, has been in business for well over 150 years and continues to be the pre-eminent provider of submarine cable installation and maintenance services in the world. Operating the world's largest fleet of cable ships and subsea vehicles, it is a market leader in marine cable installation and maintenance for telecommunications , as well as scientific research, oil, gas, utilities and the renewable energy sector. Global Marine is headquartered in the United Kingdom with regional offices in the United States and Asia. The company has established strategic alliances with several of the industry's leading companies and has successful Joint Ventures and partnerships with SBSS in China (China Telecom), NTTWE Marine in Japan (NTT) and ICPL in Singapore (SingTel and ACPL). Global Marine has installed more undersea fiber optic cables than any other operator, and more than 50% of the world's buried fiber optic cables have been installed by Global Marine. And between 30 and 40% of all subsea cables repairs and maintenance are undertaken by the company. Learn more at: www.globalmarinesystems.com

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