



Press Release

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Global Marine selects Orange Marine's next-generation Alpha ROV for its new cable maintenance vessel

- › Global Marine and Orange Marine announce a new collaboration for the supply of a next-generation Alpha Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), designed and manufactured by Orange Marine in France.
- › The new Alpha ROV will equip Global Marine's state-of-the-art cable maintenance vessel, currently under construction.

This collaboration brings together two longstanding players in the global submarine cable industry and combines Global Marine's extensive experience in subsea cable maintenance with Orange Marine's expertise in the design and manufacture of specialised subsea vehicles.

Advanced technology for submarine cable operations

The Alpha series is Orange Marine's latest generation of ROV, specifically developed to meet the demanding needs of telecommunications and power subsea cables operations. Designed and built by Orange Marine's Submarine Vehicles department in France, these ROVs are equipped with 450 kW of installed power, including 300 kW dedicated to jetting.

Alpha ROVs can operate at depths of up to 3,000 metres and perform cable burial operations down to 3 metres, depending on seabed conditions. Their tracked configuration can be adapted to a free-swimming mode, providing greater operational flexibility according to mission requirements.



The vehicle can perform a wide range of subsea operations including cable detection, inspection and survey, cutting and gripping, burial and reburial. The ROV supplied to Global Marine will be customised to meet the specific operational requirements of its future vessel.

Decades of submarine cable expertise

The new ROV will be deployed aboard Global Marine's next-generation cable maintenance vessel, currently under construction at Colombo Dockyard in Sri Lanka and scheduled for delivery in Q4 2029. Designed specifically for fibre-optic submarine cable repair operations, the hybrid-powered vessel represents a significant investment in fleet renewal and future capability. Combined with Orange Marine's Alpha ROV, it will provide Global Marine with advanced capabilities for subsea cable inspection, maintenance, protection and repair operations, further enhancing its ability to support long-term maintenance agreements for many of the world's leading cable owners and capitalise on opportunities in the rapidly growing subsea cable market.

As the industry enters a period of sustained growth and increasing environmental expectations, investing in modern, fuel-efficient assets ensures Global Marine remains competitive, resilient and well positioned to meet the evolving needs of customers and the critical infrastructure they depend on.

Simon Hibberd, Chief Executive Officer of Global Marine Group, said:

"We are delighted to strengthen our operational capabilities through the addition of the Alpha ROV, while continuing our highly valued partnership with Orange Marine. A trusted partner for many years, Orange Marine shares our commitment to operational excellence and innovation, and we are proud to build on this successful relationship as we invest in the future of our subsea operations. The Alpha ROV represents an important enhancement to our capabilities, helping us continue to deliver the exceptional levels of service our customers expect.

The Alpha ROV enhances our ability to perform safe, precise and efficient subsea operations worldwide, while reinforcing our position at the forefront of the industry. It also marks another important milestone in our long-term investment and fleet renewal strategy, underlining our confidence in the future of global subsea infrastructure.



We look forward to deploying the Alpha ROV aboard our new cable maintenance vessel in 2029 and to further building on our successful collaboration with Orange Marine as we continue to provide world-class maintenance and repair solutions.”

Didier Dillard, Chief Executive Officer of Orange Marine, said:

“We are particularly proud that Global Marine has selected our Alpha technology for its next-generation cable maintenance vessel. This collaboration recognises the expertise developed by our teams in Provence in designing and manufacturing highly specialised subsea vehicles.

Beyond our activities as a cable ship operator, Orange Marine has developed unique engineering and industrial capabilities over several decades in the design and manufacture of specialised subsea vehicles.

We already support several leading players in the submarine cable industry, providing them not only with subsea vehicles, but also with long-term maintenance support and, in some cases, dedicated operational teams. Global Marine’s decision to select Alpha further demonstrates our ability to make this expertise and comprehensive range of services available to the international submarine cable industry.”

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Notes to the Editor

Global Marine Group

Global Marine Group (GMG) is a market leader in offshore engineering and is recognised as a high quality, independent strategic partner across multiple sectors. The Group consists of three business units; Global Marine provides fibre optic cable installation and maintenance solutions to the telecommunications and oil & gas markets, OceanIQ provides unparalleled subsea cable data, survey, route engineering, permitting and consultancy services for telecom and power cable projects and SubConnect which provides extensive expertise and experience in all aspects of subsea cables, ranging from design and testing to the provision of subsea housing and interconnectors.



The company is the longest operating marine services provider in the world with a history dating back to 1850. The Group boasts a number of industry achievements, from installing the first subsea cable between France and the UK, being part of the consortium that invented the subsea cable universal joint, and right through to today, working towards a greener future.

The Group is recognised for its global presence with offices, depots and vessels located across Europe, Asia, and North America.

Global Marine Group is a portfolio company of Keppel Asia Infrastructure Fund (KAIF). KAIF has a strong depth of understanding in infrastructure and connectivity, with a portfolio extending into the maritime sector and telecoms industry.

For more information about the Global Marine Group, Global Marine, OceanIQ and SubConnect, please visit our websites at www.globalmarine.group, www.globalmarine.co.uk, www.oceaniq.co.uk and www.sub-connect.co.uk

Orange Marine

Orange Marine is a leading global player in the installation and maintenance of submarine telecommunications cables. Together with its Italian sister company Elettra Tlc, Orange Marine operates a specialised fleet supporting submarine cable installation and maintenance operations around the world.

Orange Marine also designs and manufactures its own range of subsea vehicles at its facility in Fuveau, France. Its engineering teams develop ROVs and other specialised equipment capable of operating at depths of up to 3,000 metres.

For further information about Orange Marine, its submarine cable operations and subsea vehicles, please visit marine.orange.com.



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