

BOURBON Expands its Fleet by Three Subsea ROVs

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BOURBON expands its fleet by three subsea ROVs, continuing its growth in offshore oil & gas subsea services.

BOURBON has commissioned 3 next-generation Heavy Duty Work ROVs (Remote Operated Vehicle) designed by FMC Technologies SchillingRobotics. Capable of operating at depths of up to 3000 m, these underwater vehicles will be deployed on Multi-Purpose Support Vessels (MPSV) such as the Bourbon Evolution 800 series. Fitted with high-tech equipment - manipulator arms, dynamic positioning, high definition camera, sonar and software - these HD Work ROVs are highly maneuverable. They can carry up to 3000 Kg of special measurement or intervention tools. They are therefore ideal for activities such as survey, wellhead installation, or asset tie-in. These HD Work ROVs help to perform a wide variety of tasks, including:

- monitoring of operations through video coverage,
- inspecting structures to check on corrosion,
- installing subsea equipment,
- assembling production systems,
- or taking measurements and collecting survey data.

Like the group's MPSV vessels, the BOURBON ROV fleet is deployed across the world near the areas of operation of its clients, major oil companies and contractors. Most of the ROVs are deployed in Mediterranean waters, in West Africa, and soon in the Far East. For example, 3 ROVs are operating in Italian waters for Eni on survey and inspection missions; and 5 in West Africa (Nigeria, Angola, etc.) under contract with Total and Saipem for survey, Inspection, Maintenance, Reparation and construction missions. The advantages of standardization. In line with the group's standardization strategy, these ROVs are purchased as

a series. This standardization yields many advantages for clients in terms of reliability and continuity of service. It helps to make ROV maintenance easier and to develop specific simulator training sessions."BOURBON's employees are trained and proven for this type of operation. We provide our clients with highly-qualified, experienced ROV operators. Capable of piloting as well as maintaining these next-generation ROVs, they ensure the proper monitoring of operations, upstream and downstream," explains Patrick Belenfant, BOURBON's Senior Vice President Subsea Services. Since 2009, BOURBON is expanding its fleet of HD Work ROVs, working closely with FMC Technologies Schilling Robotics. Three other next-generation ROVs will be further added to the fleet of ROVs by the end of 2015, which will then amount to 18 units, including 11 Work-class ROVs. "We are very excited that BOURBON continues to experience the superior reliability of our ROV technology, and continues to expand their fleet with us," says Tyler Schilling, President of FMC Technologies Schilling Robotics.

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