

## IXSEA announces record OCTANS month in the USA

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IXSEA Inc. received orders for a total of 23 OCTANS AHRS over the past month. This brings to over 70 units sold in the USA in 2008. "The latest OCTANS orders show how IXSEA's inertial systems are now accepted as the quality standard in industry and government markets," said IXSEA Inc.'s Managing Director Jean Schwartz. Launched in 1998, OCTANS became the first survey-grade fully integrated gyrocompass to meet IMO (International Maritime Organisation) standards in 2001. It is based on IXSEA's truly solid-state Fiber Optic Gyroscope (FOG) technology.

The OCTANS gyrocompass and complete motion sensor, based on FOG technology, outputs true heading, roll, pitch, surge, sway, heave, speed, acceleration and rate of turn and settles at sea in less than three minutes. In 2006, IXSEA launched the latest generation, OCTANS IV, which pioneered the use of Ethernet and web-enabled user interface in the industry. More than 1,200 units have been delivered for a variety of applications ranging from motion compensation for multibeam echosounders and navigation data for surface ships or ROVs, AUV navigation and subsea construction operations.

PHINS and HYDRINS, IXSEA's Inertial Navigation Systems, are the first INS to meet IMO resolution A424(XI) and A694(17) standards. They received IMO-type approval in 2006. They meet the level of quality and confidence set by the IMO and offer the full benefits of Inertial Navigation Systems (x, y, z positions, attitude and robustness to GPS drop-outs). "We see a huge interest in IMO-compliant INS in the industry, especially with DP operators," said Jean Schwartz.

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