

# Press Release

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## **UKHO Purchases NORBIT iWBMS Multibeam Survey Capability**

**Aberdeen UK:** NORBIT are proud to announce their appointment by the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) as the single framework supplier until August 2020 for survey equipment and associated engineering support to enable British Overseas Territories and other Commonwealth Small Island Developing States (SIDS) develop their own hydrographic survey capability to meet IHO standards.

NORBIT iWBMS equipment installations will be conducted in cooperation with local government authorities who will provide suitable vessels and facilities, ultimately enabling the growth in knowledge and capability of local hydrographic services. NORBIT will provide through the UKHO, storage, shipping, installation and support of multibeam echo sounder and survey systems on a country by country basis worldwide.

With fully integrated multibeam survey systems, NORBIT will ensure high data quality and ease of operation for NORBIT trained local agencies in often challenging environmental and economic conditions.

John Fraser from NORBIT commented "We are very proud and privileged to be awarded this most prestigious and high profile contract from the UKHO. The NORBIT team have worked exceptionally hard to deliver leading technology solutions with professional client focused support. We are grateful to the UKHO for their comprehensive contractual evaluation period, and we now look forward to supporting the valuable and rewarding professional work being conducted by the UK Government overseas."

### **About NORBIT Subsea**

NORBIT Subsea designs and develops wideband multibeam sonars for hydrographic applications, forward-looking applications, as well as advanced subsea leakage detection. Our solutions are based on the latest in analogue and digital signal processing. Our products provide wide-coverage monitoring combined with high sensitivity and accuracy. NORBIT Subsea is part of the NORBIT Group – an international knowledge-based corporation with industrial heritage dating back to 1980.

Based in Aberdeen, the UK office provides sales and support for NORBIT Subsea and partner companies.

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### **About the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office**

The UK Hydrographic Office is a leading centre for hydrography, providing marine geospatial data to inform maritime decisions. We work with a wide range of data suppliers and partners to support maritime navigation, safety, security and marine development around the UK and worldwide.

We make location-based information available through ADMIRALTY Maritime Data Solutions, our world-leading range of charts, publications and custom data sets. Our use of marine data and technology, combined with our expertise and spirit of innovation, ensures that we remain leaders in this field.

The UKHO is a trading fund of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), allowing us to operate as a self-funding organisation in the digital era, and sustain our position in the long term.