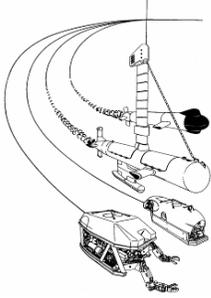


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### ISE AUV REACHES ITS DEPTH IFREMER's 2nd Explorer Delivered

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**Port Coquitlam, BC, Canada;** ISE Ltd and IFREMER, Toulon, France share in the successful conclusion of sea acceptance tests with IFREMER's second 3000 meter autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) built by ISE. Following Factory Acceptance Tests in Vancouver, the vehicle was air-shipped from the West Coast of Canada on November 25th. It arrived at IFREMER's Mediterranean facility in Seyne-sur-mer on November 28th. Sea acceptance testing started on December 6th, and was concluded on December 12th with a dive to 2450 meters off Saint Tropez.

"With this AUV having successfully completed acceptance trials in deep water, IFREMER now has two vehicles, which will be used with various scientific payloads covering geophysical, physical, and fisheries applications", states Jan Opderbecke, Project Manager, AUVs for IFREMER. "The Explorer AUV, 'AsterX' is an efficient and reliable system that has proven it's capabilities for the operational oceanographic service."



IFREMER took possession of their first Explorer AUV in 2004. This latest delivery is the 4th AUV of the class. A 5th vehicle is currently in production for the University of Bremen, Germany. The Explorer vehicle has been designed to operate from small vessels of opportunity, and has a level of modularity that allows it to be fitted with a wide variety of payload instrumentation. In the past year, the 1st IFREMER AUV has been used on scientific missions in the Atlantic, North Sea and the Mediterranean and has provided the researchers from a variety of institutes with high quality data over its depth range.

Based in British Columbia, Canada, ISE is a leader in the design and development of autonomous and remotely operated underwater vehicles, working with North American and international customers for over 30 years.

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