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## **Royal IHC and Tompkins UK join forces to launch *TI Geosciences* A new force in deep water geotechnical survey and site investigation**

Royal IHC (IHC) has joined forces with Tompkins UK – the parent company of Modus Seabed Intervention – to enter the deep and ultra-deep water, oil and gas geotechnical survey and site investigation market under the banner of *TI Geosciences*. Tompkins' extensive experience and track record in offshore, subsea and geotechnical contracting fields, combined with IHC's engineering and advanced system design and development capabilities, will deliver world-class services to the oil and gas industry in this challenging sector.

*TI Geosciences* will initially provide cone penetration test (CPT)/gravity coring services. These will be based on Tompkins' deep-push, buoyancy stabilised, deep-water CPT system – equipped with AP van den Berg's digital pressure compensated Icone – deployed from a Swire Pacific Offshore G-class platform supply vessel. Remote seabed drilling services are also scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2015, with the first in a range of IHC's SWORD (sonic wireline-operated remote drill) systems, which will also be deployed from a Swire G-class vessel. Services will be ISO 19901-6 and -8 compliant.

The SWORD systems will remain within IHC's research and development programme. This will enable operating experience and new industry/technical demands to be fed into a process of continuous improvement, with the aim of each subsequent system continuing to raise the bar.

This advanced technology and a new cloud-based data management system will enable the company to simplify processes, reduce reporting time, enhance quality and increase competitiveness. Overall, it will be equipped to gain and sustain a market-leading position.

Supported by an initial investment of €17million, *TI Geosciences* will be based in Darlington, UK, with operating bases in Teeside, Singapore and Saldahna Bay, South Africa. It will benefit from the support and global reach of IHC's international network of office, production and engineering facilities.

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### **Profile Royal IHC**

Royal IHC (IHC) is focused on the continuous development of design and construction activities for the specialist maritime sector. It is the global market leader for efficient dredging and mining vessels and equipment – with vast experience accumulated over decades – and a reliable supplier of innovative ships and supplies for offshore construction.

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IHC has in-house expertise for engineering and manufacturing integrated standard and custom-built vessels, advanced equipment and also providing life-cycle support. This integrated systematic approach has helped to develop optimum product performance and long-term business partnerships.

The company's broad customer base includes dredging operators, oil and gas corporations, offshore contractors and government authorities.

IHC has over 3,000 employees based at various locations in The Netherlands, Brazil, China, Croatia, France, India, Malaysia, the Middle East, Nigeria, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Technological innovation will remain the company's underlying strength through its continuous investment in research and development. Moreover, it helps to safeguard a sustainable environment.

### **Profile Tompkins UK**

Tompkins UK is focussed on the development of seabed intervention and related capabilities and the application of novel and advanced subsea technologies to deliver efficient, cost effective, seabed interface services for subsea infrastructure developments in the oil and gas, utilities and telecommunications industries.

Its principal operating subsidiary is Modus Seabed Intervention, a specialist provider of integrated project services and remotely operated and autonomous underwater vehicles for subsea and seabed intervention services across the entire life cycle of subsea field developments.

The group is based in the United Kingdom and operates globally.

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