

Saipem and OSRL reinforce their cooperation

The existing collaboration agreement between the two companies is extended to the provision of sustainable inspection services with Saipem's FlatFish underwater drone robotic technology

San Donato Milanese (Italy), August 22, 2022 - Saipem S.p.A. (Saipem) and Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) have signed an extension of their existing Services Agreement to include the provision of *FlatFish*, Saipem's underwater drone for environmental monitoring and inspection of asset integrity.

The existing contract between Saipem and OSRL provides for the storage, maintenance, training of personnel and readiness including the remote emergency response of the Offset Installation Equipment (OIE). The OIE is a unique system designed to intervene in case of subsea well spills in shallow water (up to approximately 600 m water depth), when direct vertical access is not possible.

The expanded Services Agreement encompasses the deployment of *FlatFish*, the subsea drone developed by Sonsub, Saipem centre of excellence for underwater technologies and robotics, for a wide range of offshore tasks, including among others, survey, leakage detection, through water column plume and dispersant concentration monitoring, environmental assessment, and patrolling.

The expanded Services Agreement is part of OSRL's focus on continuous improvement. This strategy includes innovative third-party solutions that widen OSRL's existing response toolbox and add value for their members. OSRL Subsea Subscribers can now access advanced, drone-related capabilities for environmental monitoring.

Furthermore, the Agreement allows Saipem to enlarge the fields of application of *FlatFish*, making a fundamental step towards its commercialization on a global scale. Saipem is engaged at the forefront of developing such drones and stands out the Italian scene for its high technological maturity.

FlatFish is part of Saipem's *Hydrone* robotic development program, consisting of a series of subsea drones which are able to perform fully automatic inspection, surveillance, maintenance and rescue operations efficiently, safely and in an environmentally friendly manner. In particular, *FlatFish* is able to autonomously perform complex inspections of subsea assets, thanks to the robotic technologies it incorporates: from integrated artificial intelligence to advanced navigation functions. In addition, its hydrodynamic shape and electric propulsion allow the *FlatFish* to travel long distances in deep water with minimum energy expenditure and maximum respect for the environment. The activities related to submarine drones are headed by the Robotics and Industrialized Solutions business line and represent one of the development axes confirmed in the Strategic Plan 2022-2025 by Saipem.



About Saipem

Saipem is an advanced technological and engineering platform for the design, construction and operation of safe and sustainable complex infrastructure and plants. Saipem has always been oriented towards technological innovation and is currently committed, alongside its clients, on the frontline of energy transition with increasingly digitalised tools, technologies and processes that were devised from the outset with environmental sustainability in mind. It is listed on the Milan stock exchange and operates in 70 countries around the world with 32 thousand employees from 130 different nationalities.

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About OSRL

Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) is the largest international industry-funded cooperative which exists to respond to oil spills wherever in the world they may occur, by providing preparedness, response and intervention services. We are wholly owned by most of the environmentally responsible oil and gas companies, and our membership represents the majority of global oil production. We currently employ 300 people across 12 locations around the world.

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