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**VALOR**

Versatile and Lightweight Observation ROV

**Reaching Beyond its Class to Change the Way We Keep Our Countries Safe**

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**DEFENDING WITH VALOR**

## Seatronics Overview

- ✓ Industry leading supplier to the Oil and Gas Sector established for >40 years
- ✓ Part of the Acteon Group since 2007
- ✓ Widely acknowledged as leading sensor integrator / solution provider within this sector
- ✓ Global footprint, considered number 1 in our field

## The Road to VALOR

- ✓ Seatronics acquire Predator ROV IP in 2010
- ✓ Purpose to offer advanced survey solutions from a small ROV platform
- ✓ Not our intention to become an ROV manufacturer
- ✓ Moderate success, O&G markets, reluctance to adopt new technology, tried and tested = safe
- ✓ Fast forward to September 2014 – Global Oil & Gas Crash

## The Road to VALOR - New Markets

- ✓ Invited to by US Law Enforcement / Public Safety Dive Team
- ✓ Primary task – Remove divers from potentially explosive threats
- ✓ Successful demonstration results in a working group to further develop the platform
- ✓ Simplify operator input / increased reliance on automation
- ✓ Successfully completed NIST Testing

## Introducing The VALOR

- ✓ VALOR Development Program – 2017
- ✓ Actively disrupt existing markets
- ✓ Undertake tasks typically associated with work-class platforms
- ✓ More connectivity than any other platform available
- ✓ Standardise on cutting edge technology
- ✓ Offer a flexible / configurable platform
- ✓ Do more with less
- ✓ Truly reusable capability



## VALOR Defence Applications

- ✓ Mine Identification & Destruction System (MIDS)
- ✓ Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)
- ✓ Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Survey
- ✓ Expeditionary & Special Forces Operations
- ✓ Anti-Terrorism & Force Protection
- ✓ Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR)
- ✓ Port & Harbor Security
- ✓ Swimmer Detection
- ✓ Hull and Infrastructure Survey / change detection
- ✓ Search & Rescue / Diver Support

## Advances in Sensor Technology



Courtesy of Advanced Navigation

- ✓ GPS Technology – Widely recognisable
- ✓ Environmental Monitoring Techniques
- ✓ Doppler Velocity Log
- ✓ Inertial Navigation Solution

## Technology = Big Data

- ✓ Sensor technology has improved
  - ✓ HD cameras
  - ✓ Multibeam sonar
  - ✓ Inertial Navigation
  - ✓ Laser scanning solutions
  - ✓ Photogrammetry packages
  
- ✓ Produces a new challenge
  - ✓ ROV systems limited connectivity
  - ✓ Advanced work class systems ~3/4GB bandwidth
  
- ✓ Gigabit Ethernet connectivity increasingly required
  - ✓ Localised PPS timing
  - ✓ Sensor bandwidth requirements exceed availability



## VALOR – Technology

- ✓ 40GB Multiplexor
- ✓ Supports 10 x User configurable sensor ports
  - ✓ Configurable through simple to use software
  - ✓ 10 x GB ethernet channels – if required
- ✓ HD Camera technology supplied as standard
- ✓ INS embedded in system design
- ✓ Solved the bandwidth problem

## VALOR – Control System

- ✓ Syntonic Control System
- ✓ Vehicle sensors updating at 1Hz
- ✓ Ability to utilise 100% of available power from thruster package
- ✓ Increases payload capacity / current handling capability
- ✓ Flexibility of the platform

## VALOR – Power

- ✓ Ability to harness full potential from thruster package
- ✓ Combined bollard pull of 98kgf
- ✓ Nothing in this class that offers this level of power
- ✓ Provides the user with a truly flexible range of solutions

## VALOR - MIDS Configuration

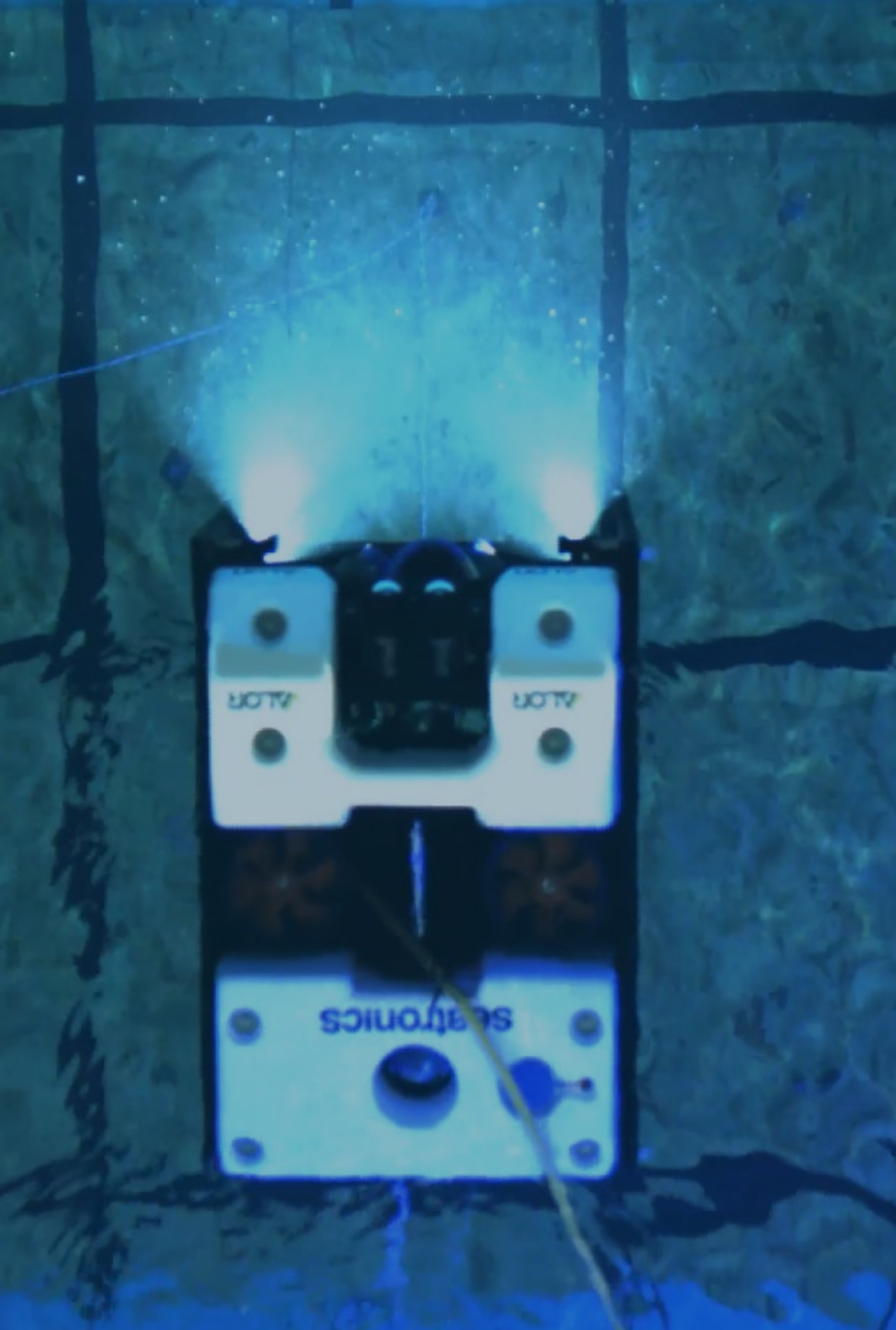
- ✓ Belgian Navy MIDS ROV Toolbox – Elbit Systems
- ✓ Truly multi shot / multi mission capability
- ✓ Flexibility of payload
- ✓ Advanced machine learning algorithms for mine identification

## VALOR – MIDS Configuration

- ✓ 2 x MIDS ROV Systems installed onboard Seagull ASV
- ✓ Ability to be rapidly deployed with a configurable payload
  - ✓ Sea state 3
- ✓ Multiple sensory packages embedded into the solution
  - ✓ Locate / Classify / Neutralise
- ✓ Advanced Machine learning Target Tracking / Image Classification Software
  - ✓ Enabling truly autonomous flight
  - ✓ Target classification software

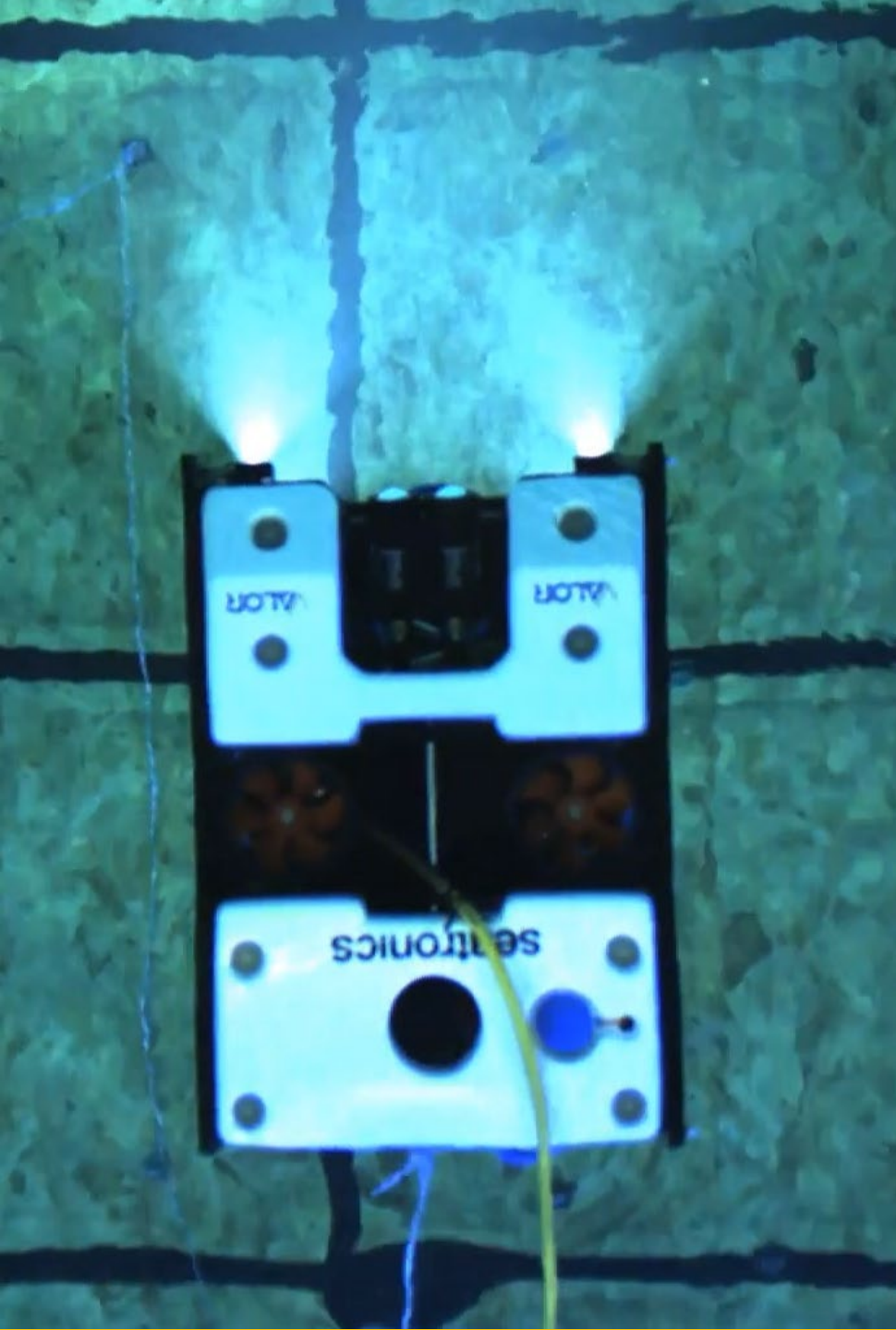
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  - ✓ Vehicle performance / current handling capabilities
  - ✓ Proposed deployment solution
  - ✓ Meet and exceed specifications adding capability and an enhanced operational window
- ✓ Conduct environmental trials
  - ✓ Edinburgh University Flow Wave Facility
  - ✓ Independent verification of performance
  - ✓ Comparison trials



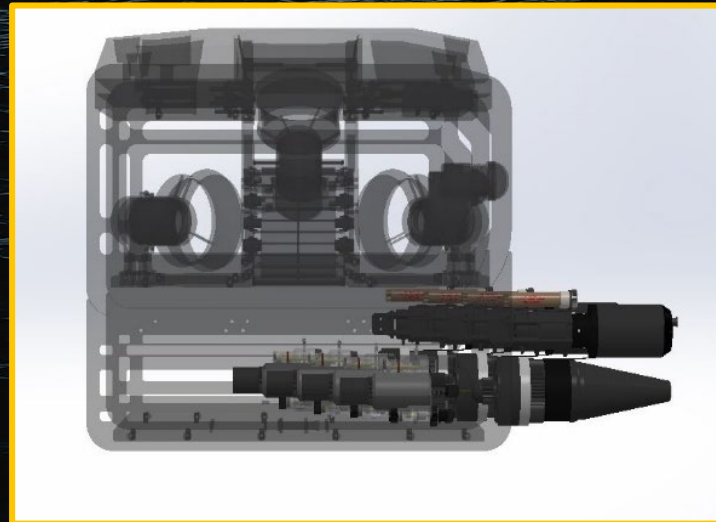
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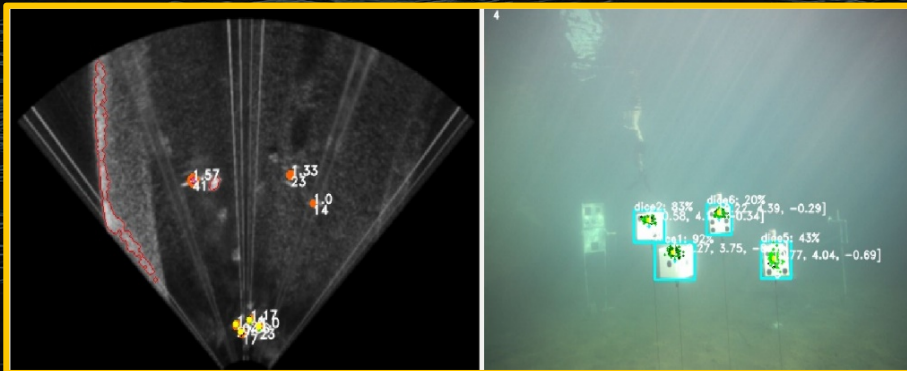
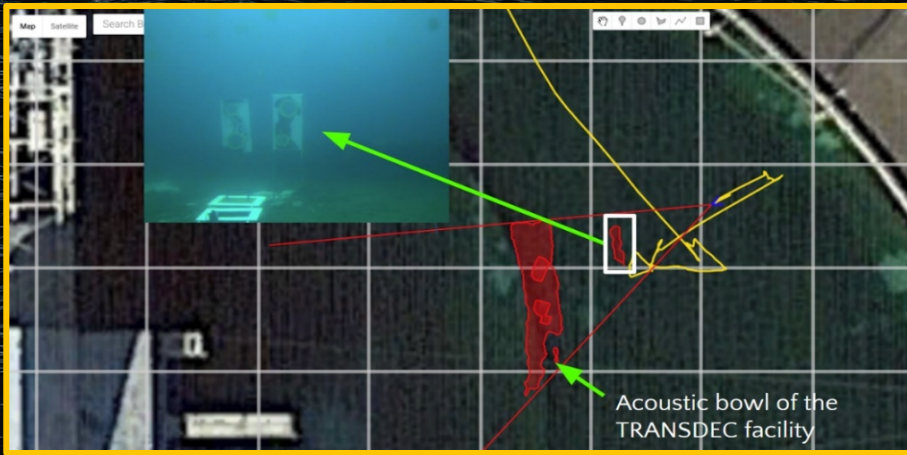
- ✓ Truly Multi shot solution
  - ✓ ECS Cobra Mine Disposal Solution
    - ✓ Enhanced acoustic fire control solution
- ✓ Multiple charges
- ✓ Selectable from fire control console





## Intelligent Detection and Tracking

- ✓ Advanced vehicle tracking
- ✓ Object classification
  - ✓ Advanced computer vision techniques
  - ✓ AI Deep learning
- ✓ Extensive testing carried out to ensure operational suitability



## CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ Use of advanced sensor technology
- ✓ Simplified operations
- ✓ Increased automation / system autonomy
- ✓ Ability to complete complex tasks using less skilled personnel
- ✓ Highly configurable multi purpose tool box

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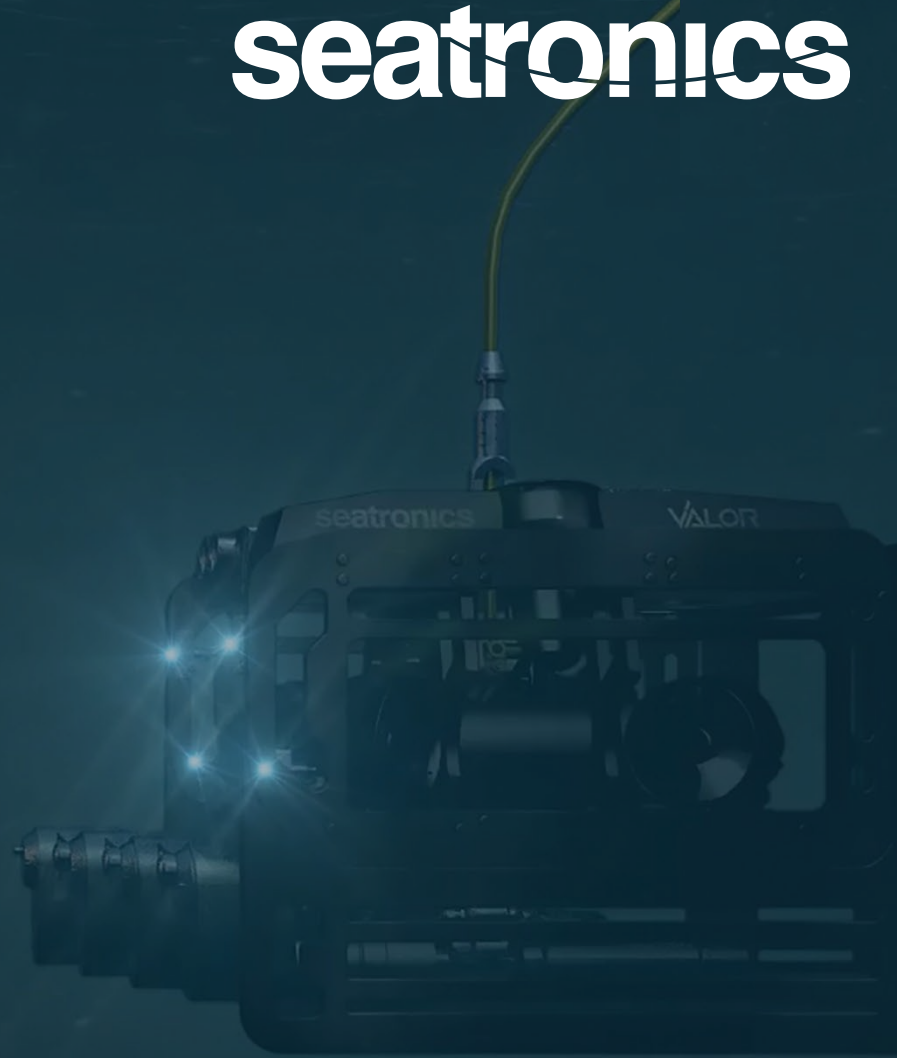
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