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Phoenix International Holdings, Inc. (Phoenix) has been contracted by DRB-HICOM Defence Technologies Sdn Bhd (DEFTECH) to provide deep-water towed side scan sonar services in support of continuing underwater search operations for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 (MH370). DEFTECH and Phoenix are working for Petroliam Nasional Berhad (Petronas), Malaysia’s leading international petroleum corporation, and the Government of Malaysia. Phoenix will be an integral part of the international search team which will be closely coordinated by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB).

Phoenix is teamed with Hydrospheric Solutions, LLC (Hydrospheric), of Whitefish, Montana and Seattle, Washington, to provide deep-water side scan sonar search services. Side scan sonar operations will be conducted using the SLH ProSAS-60 towed synthetic aperture side scan sonar (SAS) system, which is rated to operate in depths to 6000 meters. With this system, detailed high resolution images of the search area will be collected and analyzed in real time by Phoenix and Hydrospheric personnel in an effort to locate the wreckage of MH370.

“We are deeply honored to be selected to serve in support of the continuing search for MH370. We fully understand and appreciate the challenges ahead and we are eager to get to work” says Mike Kutzleb, President of Phoenix International.

Phoenix is an employee-owned, ISO 9001-2008 Management System certified marine services contractor providing manned and unmanned underwater solutions, deep ocean search and recovery, underwater inspection, maintenance, and repair, submarine rescue, design engineering, and project management services to a diverse set of clients worldwide. Expertise is available from seven regional offices in the areas of wet and dry hyperbaric welding, Nondestructive Testing (NDT), subsea engineering services, conventional and atmospheric diving, Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs), Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs), and other robotic systems.

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