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United Offshore Services and Samson Unit

The Technical Leader in Wire Meets the Technical Leader in Synthetic

Moerdijk, the Netherlands. (May 01, 2014) - Samson and United Offshore Services (UOS) are pleased to announce their recent partnership to supply Samson high-performance synthetic ropes to Europe. This expansion of the UOS product offering is driven by the increasing demand from their customers who recognize and value the advantages of heavylift slings made with synthetic rope.

Samson manufactures high-performance synthetic rope from its production facilities in the United States. With a history reaching over 130 years, Samson has more experience replacing steel-wire rope than any other synthetic rope producer in the world. Custom-engineered solutions for unique applications are Samson's focus in industries as diverse as vessel mooring, tug assist/escort, mining, cranes, and offshore oil and gas.

When we set out to find a partner to bring into our product offering, UOS was the perfect fit for us. Our business strategies and commitment to quality mirror one another, according to Craig Kelly, director of international sales for Samson. UOS is known in the industry for their expertise in fabrication and unique design. This is exactly what we were looking for to service the needs of our customers in the offshore oil and gas industry.

Headquartered in Moerdijk, The Netherlands, UOS represents Samson in all of Europe, focusing on heavylift slings for the energy markets. Heavylift slings made with Samson synthetic lines are size-for-size the same strength and 85% lighter than steel-wire rope. The reduction in weight results in safer, easier, and faster handling; and, because the ropes are pliable, they don't cause damage to the lifting package.

Samson's technical sales and engineering teams will work collaboratively with the UOS sales staff to support customers in Europe. UOS will be expanding their fabrication department to facilitate the addition of synthetic rope assemblies.

Synthetic rope slings fill a special need in the market that can't be met with steel-wire rope. Bringing Samson into our product offering allows us to compete in a larger portion of the market, according to Edwin Jefferies, commercial manager for United Offshore Services. Samson is known for its fibre technology and development which complements how we approach the future market.

UOS will be exhibiting Samson synthetic rope in their booth at Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) in Houston the week of May 5, 2014. Visit UOS and a Samson representative in the Dutch Pavilion, Booth 2517.

About United Offshore Services

Founded in 1993, United Offshore Services is a privately owned Dutch company which, together with carefully selected partners, is a European technology leader in the design, production, and supply of large diameter, high performance steel-wire ropes, hoisting equipment, and associated products intended for the marine, industrial, and offshore markets. With ISO 9001 LRQA certification, the company has grown to meet the ever increasing demands dictated by its customers with a strong reputation for quality, expertise, and service.

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About Samson:

For over 130 years, Samson has been recognized as a worldwide leader in the development and manufacture of high-performance ropes. Among its many innovations, Samson invented the double braid and pioneered the first high modulus polyethylene fiber ropes. Today, Samson engineers continue to pioneer the use of new fiber technology and the development of innovative coatings and constructions to produce ropes with unprecedented performance characteristics. Samson's research and development team is meeting an ever-expanding market need for products with exceptional performance in critical applications. Samson is part of Wind River Holdings' portfolio of operating companies.

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