



## **CDI Acquires Two Perry Tritotech ROVs**

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Houston, TX—Cal Dive International (CDI) has acquired two, 2,000 meter (6,600 feet), 100 hp Triton XL ROVs, the newest generation of deepwater work class ROVs to be utilized offshore. The Triton XL units were manufactured by Perry Tritotech, a wholly owned subsidiary of CDI's strategic partner, Coflexip SA.

The Triton XL 15 has been installed permanently onboard Cal Dive's multi-service vessel, Uncle John, making her the only semi-submersible in the Gulf of Mexico with this capability. Operating through a designated moonpool and assisted with a cursor which deploys the ROV 50 feet below the water line, the Triton XL is able to perform projects in severe offshore sea conditions without the usual loss of time associated with the deployment of ROVs.

Since June, the newly installed ROV has been routinely assisting with the installation of risers for companies such as Allseas, Shell and J. Ray McDermott. To date, the ROV has made approximately 100 dives at water depths of up to 1,400 feet for prolonged periods of time without any downtime due to equipment failure or weather.

The second work class ROV, Triton XL 16, is a stand-alone self-contained system which utilizes a U-boom launch and recovery system, heavy duty winch and umbilical, control van and work van. This mobile unit can be utilized from CDI's fleet of dynamically positioned vessels, or any suitable vessel of opportunity. The system has recently worked from the Ocean Rover and M/V Seacove Long Island at depths of 1,700 feet on the Baldpate project.

With the capacity to carry tooling packages such as dredges, intensifiers, torque tools, isolated hydraulic units and a wide variety of task specific tools, these new generation ROVs greatly enhance Cal Dive's Deepwater Technical Services group.

CDI, headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a leading Subsea services contractor which operates the largest fleet of permanently deployed DP vessels in the Gulf of Mexico. Its shares are traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol CDIS.