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Blueye Robotics awarded contract to deliver underwater ROVs to the Netherlands Royal Navy for Army, Navy and Mine Countermeasure Operations

Trondheim, Norway, August 2025 – Blueye Robotics, together with local partner RVI Tools, has secured a major international contract to supply underwater remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) to the Netherlands Royal Navy. The ROV systems will be delivered with advanced capabilities tailored for military engineers and mine countermeasure (MCM) teams, following a competitive tender process involving multiple international providers.

The awarded contract highlights the increasing demand for compact, user-friendly underwater systems to support complex military operations in inshore and coastal environments. The ROV will be used in a wide range of mission profiles including:

- **Diving operations**: supporting reconnaissance, mobility and counter-mobility tasks, demolitions, and swimmer delivery missions.
- **Surface swimmer and small boat operations**: including reconnaissance in wetlands and water-land transition zones, securing sabotage points, and riverine tactical insertion.
- **Military engineer reconnaissance**: surveying channels, canals, rivers, and water infrastructure such as quays, bridges, and locks.
- **Harbor protection**: assisting both divers and non-divers in conducting underwater inspections and threat detection.
- **Mine Counter Measure (MCM) operations**: aiding divers in identifying mine-like objects prior to neutralization.
- **Civilian authority support**: including search and recovery (SAR) of missing persons or submerged objects, and inspection of military wrecks.

The ROV supplied by Blueye is a robust, portable, and modular underwater drone developed to meet the demanding needs of maritime professionals. With its ability to carry a variety of sensors and payloads such as sonars, positioning systems, and intervention tools, the ROV provides high versatility in both military and civilian use cases.

The decision to award the contract to Blueye Robotics and RVI Tools was based on several key factors including system reliability, sensor modularity, ease of use, and operational flexibility in challenging environments. The ROV's lightweight design, long operational runtime, and proven performance from shallow waters to open sea made it a standout solution.

Christian Gabrielsen, CEO of Blueye Robotics, commented:

"Together with our highly valued partner, Rutger van Duijn at RVI Tools, we are proud to support the Netherlands Royal Navy with our underwater dual-use ROV technology. This contract demonstrates the global trust in the Blueye ROV platform and reinforces our commitment to developing innovative, easy-to-use tools that enhance mission effectiveness and safety underwater."

Rutger van Duijn, owner of RVI Tools, added:

"We are proud to collaborate with our trusted partner, Blueye Robotics, to deliver their innovative underwater ROV technology to the Netherlands Royal Navy. This agreement highlights the confidence in the Blueye platform and reflects our shared dedication to providing reliable and user-friendly solutions that improve operational efficiency and safety beneath the surface. We look forward to continue the strong, long-term relationship with both the Netherlands Royal Navy and Blueye Robotics, supporting their missions with our expertise and commitment."

In addition to supplying the hardware, Blueye Robotics and RVI Tools will provide on-site training and access a comprehensive online support platform with technical articles and training videos.

Blueye Robotics is a Norwegian technology company based in Trondheim with roots in the Centre for Autonomous Marine Operations and Systems (AMOS) at NTNU. Since its founding in 2015, Blueye has delivered more than 1,300 ROV systems across 60+ countries to customers in defense, research, aquaculture and emergency response sectors.

For any questions about the Blueye ROVs or our services, please feel free to reach out to Blueye Robotics or RVI Tools.