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Schilling Robotics Awarded Contract for New Deep Sea Drilling and Coring System

Davis, California – June 9, 2009. Schilling Robotics, LLC, experts in subsea control systems, announced today that it has been awarded a contract for a new seafloor-based deep sea drill system from Gregg Drilling and Testing, Inc., experts in drilling and geotechnical testing services. Schilling will [engineer and manufacture](#) the state-of-the-art coring and drilling system containing custom power, hydraulics, and topside control systems to be interfaced with a third-party drill structure. The contract is valued at approximately \$2 million, with system delivery scheduled for late 2009.

The advanced deep sea drill system will have a depth rating of 3,000 meters. The control system consists of Schilling's proprietary [Digital Telemetry System™](#) (DTS™), subsea hydraulics, along with topside hardware, console components, and advanced component monitoring and diagnostic software. The steel and aluminum drill structure will utilize a patented wire-line drill apparatus provided under license from Williamson and Associates of Seattle, Washington. Additionally, the system will be outfitted with a Schilling TITAN 4 manipulator to support drill bit and core handling during operations.

This system introduces an innovative method for deep sea drilling to obtain high quality, undisturbed soil samples and soil cores from depths extending down to 150 meters below the sea floor. The drilling methods employed include wire-line rotary and push sampling with 85mm sized tooling. The drill can be deployed with numerous interchangeable foundation options, depending on seabed conditions.

"We are pleased that Gregg has chosen our flexible DTS control system as the "brain" of their subsea system. This is our second controls project with Gregg, and we are excited about the distinct value we have created for them by employing the latest Schilling subsea control technologies," said [Phil Otto](#), President and Chief Executive Officer of Schilling Robotics, LLC.

"Schilling's state-of-the-art equipment and innovative technology make Gregg's product offerings distinctive in the market. We will now be able to allow the entire system to be controlled remotely from the surface thanks to the flexible DTS™ controls unit," says [John Gregg](#), President of Gregg Drilling & Testing, Inc.

About Gregg Drilling

Since 1985, Gregg Drilling & Testing, Inc. has been widely recognized as a leader and innovator in drilling, sampling, and subsurface investigation, providing clients in industry and government with the highest quality services. Gregg has set the standard among drilling companies through the pursuit of one simple goal: To provide its clients with high-quality, innovative services performed in a timely and cost-effective manner.



Gregg was formed to meet the increasing demand for quality drilling and sampling services, and in 1992 it began offering state-of-the-art cone penetration and direct-push technologies. Gregg's ability to combine state-of-the-art equipment with advanced technologies and innovative thinking sets them apart and allows them to provide exceptional performance and value. Gregg is headquartered in Signal Hill, California U.S.A. and has regional offices in Martinez, California, Palo Alto, California, and Livingston, Texas. Further information about Gregg Drilling & Testing can be found at www.greggdrilling.com.

About Schilling Robotics, LLC

Schilling Robotics is a leading global, deep-ocean robotics company founded in 1985. Its customers include offshore oilfield equipment and service providers such as Acergy UK Ltd, Bourbon Subsea Services, Expro North Sea Ltd, and Oceaneering International. Schilling is headquartered in Davis, California and has regional offices in Houston, Texas and Aberdeen, U.K. Further information about Schilling can be found at www.schilling.com.

In late 2008, FMC Technologies, Inc. acquired a 45% interest in Schilling. FMC Technologies, Inc. (NYSE:FTI) is a leading global provider of technology solutions for the energy industry. FMC designs, manufactures, and services technologically sophisticated systems and products, such as subsea production and processing systems, surface wellhead systems, high pressure fluid control equipment, measurement solutions, and marine loading systems for the oil and gas industry.

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