



Press Release

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BlueZone Group / SubSeaSail Distributor Agreement Announcement

SubSeaSail, LLC is pleased to announce the appointment of BlueZone Group as its exclusive distributor for Australia and New Zealand.

Based in San Diego, CA, SubSeaSail designs and manufactures unmanned semi-submersible vessels that are wind-propelled and solar powered. SubSeaSail vessels are "Designed for Simplicity" and backed by multiple patents including a sailing vessel with the hull below the waterline and a passive wingsail control mechanism that provides autonomous management of the sail without any lines, pulleys, or electronics. This results in a revolutionary vessel design with low drag/wake and minimal detection (acoustic, IR, radar, visual) signature. Designed for long duration and persistent missions, a servo is the only electro-mechanical device required to sail. SubSeaSail is integrating 3rd party sensors and – to complement its ultra-quiet platforms – will develop unique sensors. It has filed a Provisional Patent on a Reconfigurable, Rigid Passive Acoustic Array that will enable acoustic detection of targets including marine mammals and vessels at an unprecedented price point. The combination of SSS vessel and sensors at a disruptive price will allow ocean observation in more locations and in ways including fleets and swarms not previously possible.

BlueZone Group is an Australian based company with over twenty years' experience in providing specialized support for autonomous and remotely operated maritime vehicles operated by Navy and other customers. BlueZone offers a wide underwater technology product portfolio representing leading underwater equipment product manufacturers. In addition, BlueZone Group "services what they sell" with workshops in Newcastle and Perth to provide local service and coast-to-coast support for their full product range. Its application engineering team provides design, development and integration of products for new and existing systems to meet customer specific needs.

BlueZone CTO, Darren Burrowes, said that he was very pleased that BlueZone would have the opportunity to distribute SubSeaSail products in Australia and New Zealand. "SubSeaSail technology is a game-changer in terms of engineering simplicity and this is extremely important for applications in Australia's harsh maritime environment," said Darren, "Uncrewed Surface Vessels developed by SubSeaSail have the capability to provide wide-area and persistent sensing of Australia's maritime area of interest which are among the largest in the world."

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