



PHOENIX TO CONDUCT AIR FRANCE FLIGHT 447 CRITICAL ITEM RECOVERIES

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Washington, DC -- Phoenix International Holdings, Inc. (Phoenix) is under contract to provide its 6000 meter depth capable Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) Remora for the recovery of critical items from Air France Flight 447. The downed Airbus has been the object of three extensive, but previously unsuccessful, search missions since its loss 1 June 2009 on a flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris. Wreckage from the aircraft was successfully located on 3 April 2011 during a fourth search, and was found lying in 3,900 meters of seawater.

The Phoenix designed Remora is one of very few ROVs with the depth capability to search for and recover the Flight Data and Cockpit Voice Recorders, two items that are of primary interest to the crash investigators. Upon a successful conclusion of this essential task, a decision will be made on the need to recover other objects from the aircraft. The experienced Phoenix ROV crew will then rig and recover every item of interest to the Investigator-in-Charge, Alain Bouillard, of the French Bureau d'Enquetes et d'Analyses (BEA) and investigative team members. The recovery operation is being conducted from Alcatel-Lucent's CS *Ile de Sein*, a 140 m long telecommunications cable ship.

Phoenix has a substantial history of performing deep water search and recoveries for the commercial airline industry. Past recovery projects have included Yemenia Flight IY626 (also conducted for BEA), Adam Air Flight 574 and Tuninter Airline Flight 1153. The company also provides search and recovery expertise to other publicly owned and private entities, the U.S. Navy, national and international agencies, and foreign governments. Phoenix is in its eleventh year as prime contractor to the U.S. Navy for undersea search and recovery operations.

Phoenix provides manned and unmanned underwater operations, design engineering, and project management services to clients in the offshore oil & gas, defense, and other ocean-interest industries worldwide. Expertise is available from six regional offices in the areas of wet and dry hyperbaric welding, conventional and atmospheric diving, robotic systems, and tooling. Our capabilities support plug and abandonment; underwater inspection, maintenance and repair; construction; deep ocean search & recovery; and submarine rescue.

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