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KLEIN S4900 SUPPORTS DIVING OPERATIONS IN SCOTLAND

SALEM, NH – August 8, 2017 – Klein Marine Systems, Inc. (“Klein”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitcham Industries, Inc. (“Mitcham” or “the Company”) (NASDAQ: MIND) was instrumental in supporting a successful survey and recovery project off the West Coast of Scotland on a sea inlet once referred to as the “Secret Loch”. The Klein System 4900 side-scan was deployed from the Aspect Surveys vessel ‘Vigilance’ and operated by personnel from Unique Systems - GSE Rentals who provided the winch, cable and ancillary support for the project. An initial pass through the center channel of the Loch revealed the seafloor was made up of a relatively featureless areas with the exception of extensive trench-marks and scarring presumably caused by the anchor chains used by large cargo container traffic that at one time used the loch as a safe haven during poor weather.

In World War II, British engineer Sir Barnes Wallis invented the bouncing bomb that was designed to skip over the surface of a stretch of water, avoiding anti-torpedo nets, before sinking directly next to a dam wall or battleship target. The initial bombs code-named “Upkeep” were used successfully against the Ruhr dams in Northern Germany. Developed in parallel with the “Upkeep” bombs were a smaller spherical bomb code-named “Highball” and these were specifically designed as an anti-ship weapon – particularly with the German battleship Tirpitz in mind as a potential target. The “Highball” was designed to carry a 500 pound charge in a cylinder contained in a 35 inch sphere and dropped at high speed from a modified Wellington or Mosquito bomber.

Arriving at the target area it quickly became apparent that there was a more dense scattering of “Highballs” in and around sections of anchor chain that had been cut and discarded with their anchors still in place as the French target vessel was towed away for scrap after the war. Survey operators were able to take full advantage of the Klein System 4900’s remarkable capability to provide high definition images for classification to 75 m per side at 900 kHz.

The data produced was used when the diving operation team needed to clarify which targets would be suitable candidates for recovering the “Highball” device. The recovered artifacts will be on display at the Brooklands Museum in Surrey and the de Havilland Aircraft Museum in Hertfordshire.

About Klein

Klein Marine Systems has over forty nine years of experience with the development and manufacture of high performance sonar products including side scan and bathymetry systems and maritime surveillance and security solutions. Klein side scan sonar systems are respected as the standard of excellence in the industry and are deployed by Governments, Navies, Port Authorities, surveyors, oil companies and universities worldwide.

About Mitcham Industries

Mitcham Industries, Inc. provides equipment to the geophysical, oceanographic and hydrographic industries. Headquartered in Huntsville, Texas, Mitcham has a global presence with operating locations in Salem, New Hampshire; Calgary, Canada; Brisbane, Australia; Singapore; Ufa, Bashkortostan, Russia; Budapest, Hungary; Bogota, Colombia and the United Kingdom. Through its Leasing Segment, Mitcham believes it is the largest independent provider of exploration equipment to the seismic industry. Mitcham’s worldwide Equipment Manufacturing and Sales Segment includes its Seemap business, which designs, manufactures and sells specialized seismic marine equipment and Klein Marine Systems, Inc. which develops and manufactures high performance side scan sonar systems.

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