

St. John's Co. Manufactures LARS System for NL Offshore

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St. John's-based Orphan Industries Ltd. has manufactured the first locally made launch and recovery systems (LARS) for Newfoundland and Labrador's oil and gas industry.

Orphan Industries has been manufacturing LARS systems -- large mechanical devices used to launch and recover remotely operated vehicles (ROV's) during offshore operations -- since early 2006 for Oceaneering International Inc., but this is the first time one has been used for the Newfoundland offshore, said a statement.

Oceaneering recently installed one of these locally manufactured LARS systems on the Atlantic Kingfisher, a supply vessel that services the Terra Nova offshore oil project. Newfoundland offshore, said a statement.

Orphan Industries is a member of the NL-based D.F. Barnes Group, a group of companies engaged in customized metal fabrication, servicing the offshore, marine, and industrial sectors throughout North America.