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**WFS Technologies wins  
“2010 Spotlight on New Technology” Award**

*Livingston, Scotland, UK (21 May 2010) – WFS Technologies, the world’s leading developer of through-water and through-ground electromagnetic communications and sensing products is awarded the “2010 Spotlight on New Technology” Award by The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC).*

*The awards were presented on 3 May, at OTC in Houston, to recognize innovative new products that provide significant impact for offshore exploration and production.*

Award winning technologies had a requirement to meet the following five criteria:

- **New** – less than two years old
- **Innovative** -- original, groundbreaking, and capable of revolutionizing the offshore E&P industry
- **Proven** – through full-scale application or successful prototype testing
- **Broad Interest** –broad appeal for the industry
- **Significant Impact** – provides significant benefits beyond existing technologies



*WFS CEO Mark Volanthen accepts the award*

WFS Technologies won the award based on based on **SeaPAR** (Sea Power Acoustic & Radio – to be fully launched at OTC 2010), the world's first subsea wireless data and power unit to incorporate: short-range high bandwidth radio-frequency (RF), mid-range low bandwidth RF, long-range low bandwidth acoustic communication and navigation/location capabilities.

The unit is further distinguished by an inductive charging function. It provides wireless data and power to sensors, data loggers, control systems and wireless AUV docking.

**SeaPAR** is designed to be interfaced to a range of subsea assets (both fixed and mobile) and sensors to enable optimum wireless through-water communication in a range of situations.



***“The Spotlight on New Technology Awards underscores the advanced technology that is required to find and produce offshore resources in increasingly harsh, deepwater environments. The 2010 award recipients represent a broad range of technologies and solutions. The Spotlight awards have become a highlight of OTC,”*** said Susan Cunningham, 2010 OTC chairperson.

Ian Crowther, General Manager of WFS' Energy & Environment business comments:

***“Though we have been honoured with many awards, the OTC Spotlight on New Technology Award is an incredible achievement for us. As a relatively new entrant to the subsea sector it is tremendous to be recognized by established leaders in the industry for bringing innovation and delivering significant commercial value.”***

Visit [www.wfs-tech.com](http://www.wfs-tech.com) to find out more about the award winning technology.

### **About WFS**

WFS is the world's leading developer of through-water and through-ground electromagnetic communications and sensing products. With over 50 patent applications filed in Europe and North America, our revolutionary products deliver cost savings and new capabilities to the Oil & Gas, Environmental & Industrial, and Defense industries.

WFS's disruptive communications and sensing products extend the reach of conventional communications, telemetry, control systems and sensor networks providing cost savings, improvements in operational performance and flexibility. Headquartered near Edinburgh in the UK, WFS has research facilities in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and U.S. offices in Washington and Houston.

For more information about WFS and its products, visit the company's website at: [www.wfs-tech.com](http://www.wfs-tech.com).

### **About OTC**

Founded in 1969, the Offshore Technology Conference is the world's foremost event for the development of offshore resources in the fields of drilling, exploration, production and environmental protection. OTC is held annually at Reliant Park in Houston. For more information, visit [www.otcnet.org/2010](http://www.otcnet.org/2010).

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