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VENUS Strait of Georgia Node Up and Running

Subsea Cabled Observatory Enters 3rd Year of Continuous Operations

North Vancouver, British Columbia – OceanWorks International and the University of Victoria are pleased to announce the successful deployment and power-up of the *Strait of Georgia Shallow Node*. With this successful deployment, the VENUS Strait of Georgia Shallow Node joins the Saanich Inlet Node in providing live video and acoustic images and real-time data for scientific research. The Saanich Inlet Node has been providing live data to the scientific community since February 2006.



The Shallow Node Pod, designed and built by OceanWorks to provide power and fiber optic communications to “plug and play” scientific instrumentation modules, was lowered onto a trawl resistant frame (TRF) located near the mouth of the Fraser River at a depth of 170m. This node was connected to 40 km of cable providing power and data path back to the shore station at Iona Point. Engineers at the shore station then brought the system on-line by switching power on to the subsea cable. Instrument packages, with an OceanWorks Science Instrument Interface Module (SIIM), were then deployed at the node.

The VENUS (Victoria Experimental Network Under the Sea) project is managed by the University of Victoria, and is the world’s most advanced subsea cabled observatory. VENUS is designed to operate for 20 years as a permanent infrastructure on the seafloor, providing continuous power and communications to scientific instruments for monitoring the ocean environment.

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