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**OceanWorks NEPTUNE Canada Junction Box deployed by University of Victoria**

*Vancouver, Canada* - OceanWorks International and the University of Victoria are pleased to announce the successful deployment of a NEPTUNE Canada Junction Box on the VENUS Saanich Array. It was one of two units delivered in August and will serve to provide valuable operational data prior to its redeployment, along with 13 other units, on the NEPTUNE Canada Array in the summer of 2009.

This deployment forms part of an extensive series of tests that will ensure a smooth launch of the NEPTUNE Canada Array. This July, the Prototype Junction Box unit underwent a rigorous Qualification campaign at the OceanWorks facility. Later that month, it was shipped to the Alcatel-Lucent facility in Greenwich, U K for Integration Testing with a Neptune Node. The Node will provide Junction Boxes power and communications from the 800 km long underwater cable ring.

The NEPTUNE Canada Junction Box, designed and manufactured by OceanWorks, is a uniquely customizable and highly reliable interface providing up to ten instruments with power and communications from a cabled observatory Node port.

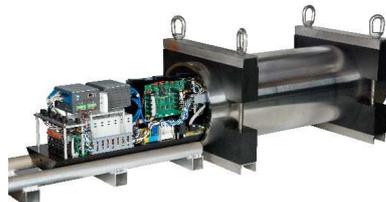
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*Closing a NEPTUNE Junction Box (Credit: Oceanworks)*



*Junction Box installed on Deployment Rig (Credit: Venus)*



*Loading rig onto J.P. Tully shortly before sail (Credit: Venus)*