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### **iRobot Receives Order for Six Seagliders™ from the University of Western Australia**

**BEDFORD, Mass., October 26, 2009** – iRobot Corp. (NASDAQ: IRBT) today announced that it has received a \$1.1 million order from the University of Western Australia for six iRobot Seagliders, a long endurance, unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV). This marks the largest single order of iRobot Seagliders to date.

The Seaglider, originally developed by the University of Washington and funded by the Office of Naval Research and the National Science Foundation, can be deployed on a broad range of missions. It is capable of providing vital ocean data to professionals in fields such as climate change research, marine biology, physical oceanography and weather forecasting.

“These Seagliders will become part of a fleet of eleven Seagliders,” said Professor Charitha Pattiaratchi of the Australian National Facility for Ocean Gliders (ANFOG), based at the University of Western Australia. “They will be deployed at different locations around Australia as part of the Integrated Marine Observation System (IMOS) and provide near-real time data on ocean conditions.”

“iRobot has seen a growing interest in our maritime operations, and in particular, Seaglider’s capabilities,” said Joe Dyer, president of iRobot Government and Industrial Robots. “Traditional ship-based operations are very expensive. The Seaglider’s superior endurance during ocean missions offers a far more affordable and long-term approach towards conducting research.” Dyer added, “This technology has the potential to benefit a number of industries including defense, coastal agencies, oil and gas and fisheries.”

Equipped with the latest generation of lithium battery technology, Seagliders routinely stay at sea for more than six months, transmitting their data to a central base-station several times a day. Recently, a Seaglider achieved an endurance record for UUVs with over nine months of continuous operation at sea while gathering data from seven different sensors.

iRobot continues to invest in advancing Seaglider technology, increasing the variety of sensors it supports and expanding its applications. The company is also developing a number of innovations in advanced UUVs for potential missions including coastal monitoring, mine countermeasures, torpedo countermeasures and underwater communications at speed and depth.



For more information about iRobot's maritime operations, see <http://www.irobot.com/sp.cfm?pageid=451>.

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