



## **Bluestone Offshore in full gear to venture the deep waters of the geotechnical market**

In 2008 GC Rieber took a 40% strategic stake on a geotechnical survey company – Bluestone Offshore. From start-up to operational, the team based in Singapore has come a long way in the past two years between purchasing their first vessel, initiating the geotechnical conversion work with ST Marine early November and hiring key staff with solid experience in Health & Safety, drilling, geotechnical and laboratory analysis.

The conversion work is upgrading the Bluestone Topaz into a dedicated ROV geotechnical vessel and is focused on three main areas: shifting the moonpool to the center of the vessel, install a customized derrick system and introduce a mezanine deck onto the main floor.

The Topaz will be equipped with robust CPT/seabed sampling tools capable of operating in water depths of up to 1800 metres, suitable for major worldwide offshore locations.

Sea trials are to follow completion of the conversion work in January 2009.

Bluestone Offshore is set to sail in the deep waters of the geotechnical survey market and has a lot to look forward to with initial jobs potentially lined up in the Southeast Asia in Q1 and Q2 in January 2009.

For more information about Bluestone and the progress of the conversion work, visit [www.bluestoneoffshore.com](http://www.bluestoneoffshore.com).