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SUBSEA VISION WORKING FOR SOUTHERN WATER

Subsea Vision has recently completed a major underwater video survey for one of the U.K.'s largest water companies, Southern Water.

At a location north of Southampton, the ROV's (Remotely Operated Vehicles) operated in an extensive underground labyrinth (totaling approximately 4 km) of flooded tunnels and shafts some unseen since their construction. The tunnels were cut out of the chalk in the late 1800's to provide pure water for the city of Southampton. The ROV's worked to vertical depths of 44 metres, and completed tunnel excursions exceeding 340 metres.

The bulk of work was performed by Subsea Vision's Falcon ROV and areas with limited access were surveyed by their Video Ray. Individual sectional reports and videos were compiled, recording depths, headings, lengths, profile and other specific details maintaining complete coverage of the underground systems. "Using our Falcon, we completed a full detailed survey in record time" said Chris Bryant, Managing Director of Subsea Vision.

Tina Dijkstal, Project Manager for Southern Water said: "The confined nature and length of the tunnels ruled out the use of divers on safety grounds alone. We needed a powerful ROV system with a suite of cameras to meet our requirements. ROV Platform stability and reach to the maximum tunnel extent was a crucial factor in our selection of Subsea Vision and their Falcon ROV system."

Southern Water undertakes regular surveys of all infrastructures, as part of its planned maintenance and inspection program. Preventative inspection and maintenance results in the continued delivery of high quality water to its customers at a lower cost. Southern Water supplies two million people with drinking water in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Kent and Sussex. The quality of this water is amongst the best in Europe.