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RECOVERY EXPEDITION TO TITANIC Sets TARGET DEPARTURE DATE For 2021

RECOVER THE MARCONI WIRELESS TELEGRAPH

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The first recovery expedition of its kind to Titanic, RMST has brought together a team of leading scientist, marine archaeologist and deep-sea engineering experts to help carefully and thoughtfully recover the telegraph that was instrumental in saving more than 705 passengers from the Atlantic in April 1912. After its recovery and conservation, the telegraph will be shared with the general public in museums and other institutions around the world as part of the touring museum experience Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition. During the expedition, the team will also monitor the current rate of deterioration of Titanic and conduct further recovery and scientific study as necessary.

After lengthy review and expert consultation, the organization has developed a multi-phase, dual ROV, non-evasive method to safely excavate and investigate the Marconi Radio. This new tooling and methodology will allow us to expose the key components in their current resting state and determine if safe extraction and recovery is possible. This unique dual ROV ladder deployment system on the Titan manipulators will allow non-evasive entry to areas of interest without wreck disturbance. Each ROV will be equipped with their respective tooling to first dredge and clean the area for a thorough investigation. Components approved safe for extraction will be gently removed using both ROV's and collected to salvage baskets for safe recovery to the surface. The organization has also released additional imagery of the custom deep-sea tools that will be used to recover the Marconi.

Originally scheduled to occur this summer, the expedition has been moved to 2021 to abide by ongoing travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The safety of our crew, ports where we conduct business and foremost the care of the artifacts is our top priority," states Bretton Hunchak, President of RMS Titanic, Inc. "Given the ongoing pandemic, current travel restrictions and the changing landscape, we have no choice but to move this important expedition. We will continue to refine our strategies and further our outreach to the community so that all can enjoy this historic moment. We look forward to 2021 and conducting this expedition with our partners and the world."

"We appreciate the flexibility and understanding of our partnerships, including that of Magellan Limited and Managing Director Richard Parkinson, who have worked tirelessly with our team to help determine the best course of action with thoughtful and resourceful solutions," continues Hunchak.

"It's been a pleasure working with RMS Titanic and applying Magellan's expansive skill, equipment and experience in ultra-deep-water. We are particularly proud that our company, headquartered out of St. Peter Port, Guernsey, has been chosen to play an instrumental role in a project of such global significance," states Richard Parkinson, Managing Director of Magellan Limited.

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(L) This image is a room recreation of Titanic's Marconi Room which is on display at Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition in Orlando. This is where wireless operator, Jack Phillips sent distress messages to other ships in the area alerting them for help once Titanic hit the iceberg on April 14, 1912.

(R) Example of ROV used by Magellan Limited and RMS Titanic, Inc. on the expedition to the Titanic wreck site in 2021.

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