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Johnstown, PA - ODIM Spectrum Ltd. (Canada), a world leader in developing advanced handling solutions for the naval industry, is pleased to announce the opening of its U.S. subsidiary, ODIM Defense Systems, Inc. The company's initial focus will be on producing mechanical components of CSTRS (Carriage, Stream, Tow and Recovery System), which is a removable airborne mine warfare platform for the US Navy's MH-60S helicopter. CSTRS is capable of carrying the Navy's key mine warfare equipment, including towed sonar, laser mine detection and mine neutralization systems. ODIM Spectrum designed and produces the composite winch system for the CSTRS system under subcontract to Concurrent Technologies Corporation, CTC (Johnstown). ODIM also supports Argon ST (Uniontown, PA) designing and supplying equipment for the USN's torpedo defense program.

"We are excited about setting up shop in Johnstown and to having a U.S.-based ODIM facility to pursue design and production opportunities. We're also looking forward to becoming an active member of the Johnstown business community," said Andrew Roy, President of ODIM Spectrum. "The commitment of civic leaders to building the Defense Contracting Industry in the Johnstown area has drawn us to the region, and we look forward to having the opportunity to more closely collaborate with industry partners".

"I am pleased to be heading up ODIM's new operations in Johnstown", remarked James Fritts, General Manager for ODIM Defense Systems. "Our talented professional staff have a track record of delivering world class handling solutions, and I look forward to representing the firm in the local market".

"Our success at diversifying the region's economy has begun to attract a second tier of companies drawn here by the opportunities already available," said Congressman John P. Murtha, who was instrumental in the formation and growth of CTC and has directed funding for key defense-related projects both to CTC and Argon ST. "The arrival of an internationally recognized engineering company like ODIM is further proof that we've succeeded not only at diversifying the region's economy, but in creating an inviting business climate for companies that want to be part of our revitalization."

Employing a team of highly skilled professionals, ODIM has developed unique product solutions for a wide array of international defense clients, and the company is proud to be a major subcontractor to the following firms: Argon ST, Concurrent Technologies Corp (CTC), EDO Combat Systems, General Dynamics Canada, L-3 Ocean Systems, Lockheed Martin NE&SS, Thales Underwater Systems and Ultra Electronics.

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