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****DiveRobotix Plays Pivotal Role in Historic Lake Tahoe Cleanup, Leading to the Removal of Hundreds of Tons of Potentially Toxic Lead Cable****

Lake Tahoe, CA/NV – 2/19/2025 – DiveRobotix, a leading underwater robotics and environmental services company, is proud to announce its critical role in successfully removing the historic AT&T cable from Lake Tahoe. This project has eliminated tons of potentially toxic lead cable from the pristine waters of North America's most iconic lakes.

Under the leadership of Scott Fontecchio, a seasoned diver, ROV pilot, and owner of DiveRobotix, the company deployed its advanced remotely operated vehicle (ROV), the ****Kraken X****, to survey, document, and assist in the removal of the decades-old telecommunications cable. The cable, which had lain dormant on the lakebed for over half a century, posed a significant environmental threat due to its toxic lead sheathing leaching into the water and sediment.

****A Legacy of Pollution****

The AT&T cable, initially installed in the 1960s, was part of a national telecommunications network. While decommissioned decades ago, the cable remained submerged in Lake Tahoe, slowly degrading and releasing harmful lead into the ecosystem. Over time, concerns grew about the cable's impact on water quality, aquatic life, and the overall health of the lake, which is renowned for its crystal-clear waters and unique biodiversity.

****DiveRobotix's Role in the Cleanup****

DiveRobotix was brought in to provide critical underwater expertise and cutting-edge technology to address environmental hazards. Using the ****Kraken X ROV****, Scott Fontecchio and his team conducted detailed surveys of the cable's path, documenting its condition and identifying areas of concern. The ROV was also used to supervise the collection of water and soil samples, which were analyzed for lead contamination and other environmental impacts.

The data gathered by DiveRobotix was instrumental in leading to the quick removal of the cable. Working alongside Kris Kierce of Lake Tahoe Diving & Environmental, environmental agencies, engineering teams, and cleanup crews, DiveRobotix ensured that the operation minimized disruption to the lake's ecosystem while effectively leading to the removal of the toxic material.

****Environmental Impact****

The removal of the AT&T cable marks a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to preserve and protect Lake Tahoe. By eliminating hundreds of tons of lead cable, the project has

significantly reduced the risk of further contamination, safeguarding the lake's water quality and its diverse aquatic life.

"This project was about more than just removing an old cable," said Scott Fontecchio. "It was about protecting Lake Tahoe for future generations. As a diver and ROV pilot, I've seen firsthand the beauty and fragility of this ecosystem. It's an honor to have participated in this important cleanup effort."

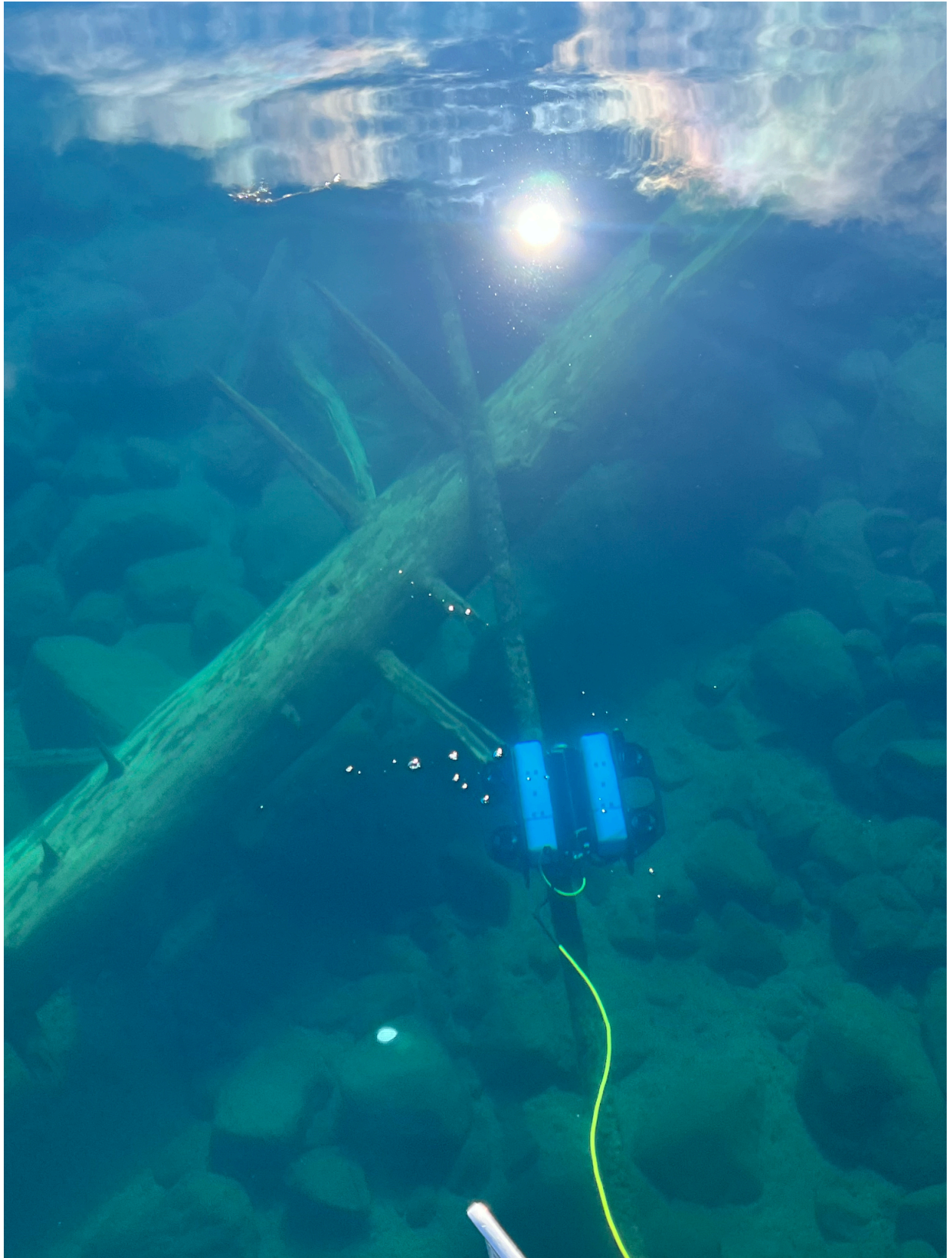
****About DiveRobotix****

DiveRobotix, founded by Scott Fontecchio, specializes in underwater robotics and environmental services. The company provides innovative underwater exploration, inspection, and environmental monitoring solutions, leveraging advanced ROV technology to tackle complex challenges in marine and freshwater environments.

****Looking Ahead****

The success of the Lake Tahoe cable removal project underscores the importance of collaboration between technology, environmental science, and community action. DiveRobotix remains committed to supporting environmental cleanup efforts and advancing the use of ROV technology to protect our planet's waterways.

For more information about DiveRobotix and its role in the Lake Tahoe cleanup, please contact Scott Fontecchio at scott@diverobotix.com or (775) 292-4112.





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