

A large teal arrow pointing to the right, with the words "PRESS RELEASE" written in bold, black, uppercase letters across its center.

**PRESS  
RELEASE**

**MEDIA CONTACT**

**Gwenaëlle Allaire**

Communication Manager

+33 (0)1 30 08 88 88

[gwenaelle.allaire@exail.com](mailto:gwenaelle.allaire@exail.com)

## **Exail announces first sale of DriX H-9 for civil offshore operations to a European client**

La Ciotat, March 12th, 2026 – Exail, a leader in marine robotics technologies, announces the sale of its DriX H-9 Uncrewed Surface Vessel (USV) for civil offshore operations to a European client. The DriX H-9, equipped with a Multibeam Echosounder (MBES), Side Scan Sonar (SSS), Sub-Bottom Profiler (SBP) and magnetometer, will be deployed for offshore infrastructure survey operations.

As demand for efficient, precise and lower-footprint offshore surveying continues to grow, Exail's DriX series – comprising the H-8, H-9 and O-16 models – addresses the evolving needs of the offshore market. Each platform offers different endurance and payload capacities, enabling operators to select the most suitable configuration for their mission profile. The DriX H-9 is particularly suited for complex offshore survey operations, combining long endurance with the ability to carry a full geophysical sensor suite while reducing operational costs and environmental impact.

**Olivier Cervantes, VP Maritime Autonomy Solutions at Exail:**

"Our approach to better serve offshore customer requirements by offering a range of USVs with various endurance and payload capacities is clearly gaining momentum. With the DriX H-9, clients can operate over the horizon with up to 20 days of endurance while deploying a complete geophysical spread including MBES, SSS, SBP and magnetometer. We are delighted to see our client acting as a pioneer survey company in Europe by leveraging this capability."

**About Exail**

Exail is a leading high-tech industrial company specializing in cutting-edge robotics, maritime, navigation, aerospace and photonics technologies. With a strong entrepreneurial culture, Exail delivers unrivaled performance, reliability and safety to its civil and defense clients operating in severe environments. From the deep sea to outer space, Exail expands their capabilities with a full range of robust in-house manufactured components, products, and systems.

Employing a workforce of 2000+ people worldwide, the company benefits from a global footprint and conducts its business in over 80 countries. Exail was formed by ECA Group and iXblue joining forces in 2022. It is a subsidiary of Exail Technologies, a family-owned company specialized in high-technology.

[www.exail.com](http://www.exail.com)