

ASL Goes to VENUS

ASL Environmental Sciences of Sidney, BC Canada is providing an initial installment of four of its Water Column Profiler™ instruments for application on the VENUS observatory project off Canada's West coast.

VENUS (Victoria Experimental Network Under the Sea) is an ambitious project, headed by the University of Victoria, BC Canada to provide three underwater cables (total length 70km) supplying power and fiber-optic communications to a number of instruments measuring a wide range of marine data. The first phase of this project into Saanich Inlet is scheduled for installation in 2004.

ASL's Water Column Profilers will be used to provide continuous monitoring, in real-time, of acoustic backscatter returns from the water column, which are related to zooplankton abundance. VENUS scientists will use the ASL Water Column Profilers to develop improved understandings of this underwater acoustic technique to monitor zooplankton abundance and vertical migration in the ocean.

In support of the VENUS project, ASL is contributing to the novel VENUS project through a significant discount on the price of these four Water Column Profiler products. ASL is a Canadian-based, internationally active company specializing in oceanographic consulting and instruments with special expertise in ice studies.

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