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DARPA's Biological Technology Office Selects Northrop Grumman for Persistent Aquatic Living Sensors (PALS) Program

ORLANDO, FL, April 11, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Coda Octopus Group, Inc. (CODA) (Nasdaq: CODA) today reported that the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Biological Technology Office selected Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) to prototype sensing capabilities using undersea organisms to assist in passively detecting and tracking undersea threats.



As part of the PALS program, Northrop Grumman will develop biological sensing hardware that has increased sensitivity for certain sensor modalities, achieving greater range. Artificial intelligence will be applied to observe patterns in the marine environment to help classify targets. Northrop Grumman is partnered with Coda Octopus, Duke University, University of Maryland, Baltimore County and the University of Memphis.

"The detection, classification and tracking of undersea objects is a critical military capability and we are excited to work with DARPA to develop this next generation approach," said Mike Meaney, vice president, advanced missions, Northrop Grumman.

Annmarie Gayle, CODA's Chairman and CEO commented: "We are delighted to further our partnership with Northrop Grumman on this important project for DARPA."

About Northrop Grumman

Northrop Grumman is a leading global security company providing innovative systems, products and solutions in autonomous systems, cyber, C4ISR, space, strike, and logistics and modernization to customers worldwide. Please visit news.northropgrumman.com and follow us on Twitter, [@NGCNews](https://twitter.com/NGCNews), for more information.

About Coda Octopus Group, Inc.

The Company, founded in 1994, manufactures and markets patented real-time 3D subsea sonar technology, the Echoscope[®], which enables real-time 3D imaging and mapping in zero visibility conditions underwater. Echoscope[®] is used globally in numerous applications including defense, marine construction, oil and gas subsea infrastructure installation and surveys, and port and harbor security. In addition to the Marine Products business, Coda Octopus Products Ltd., CODA's two engineering businesses are Coda Octopus Colmek and Coda Octopus Martech. For further information, please visit:

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