
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 12, 2018**

Ocean Power Technologies, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-33417
(Commission
File Number)

22-2535818
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

28 Engelhard Drive Monroe Township, New Jersey
(Address of principal executive offices)

08831
(Zip Code)

(609) 730-0400
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.133-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On April 12, 2018, Ocean Power Technologies, Inc. (the “Company”) participated in a commercialization update conference call. A copy of the presentation used during the conference call is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is also available on the Company’s website at www.oceanpowertechnologies.com.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information set forth in this Item 7.01 and in the attached Exhibit 99.1 shall be deemed to be “furnished” and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**Exhibit Number** **Description**

*99.1 [Conference Call Presentation](#)

*Furnished herewith.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 13, 2018

OCEAN POWER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

/s/ George H. Kirby III

George H. Kirby III
President and Chief Executive Officer



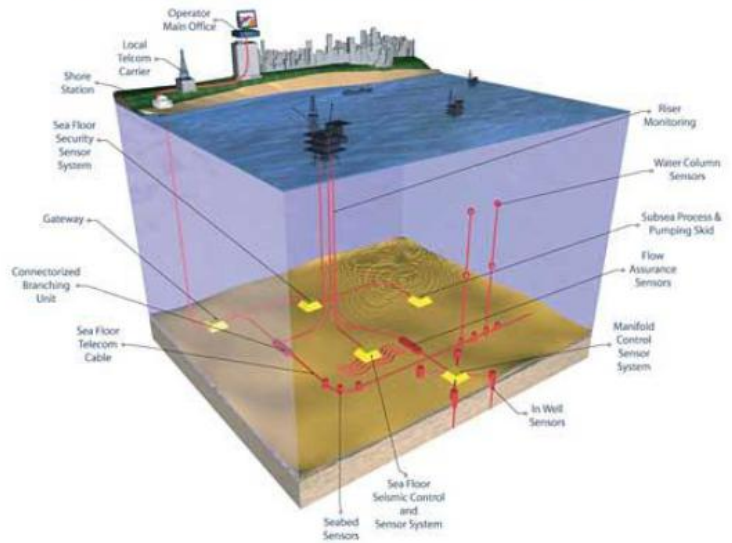
OPT Commercialization Update

Forward Looking Statements

In addition to historical information, this presentation contains forward-looking statements that are within the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are identified by certain words or phrases such as "may", "will", "aim", "will likely result", "believe", "expect", "will continue", "anticipate", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "contemplate", "seek to", "future", "objective", "goal", "project", "should", "will pursue" and similar expressions or variations of such expressions. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions made by management regarding future circumstances over which the company may have little or no control and involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to be materially different from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Some of these factors include, among others, the following: future financial performance; expected cash flow; ability to reduce costs and improve operational efficiencies; revenue growth and increased sales volume; success in key markets; competition; ability to enter into relationships with partners and other third parties; delivery and deployment of PowerBuoys[®]; increasing the power output of PowerBuoys; hiring new key employees; expected costs of PowerBuoy product; and building customer relationships. Please refer to our most recent Forms 10-Q and 10-K and subsequent filings with the SEC for a further discussion of these risks and uncertainties. We disclaim any obligation or intent to update the forward-looking statements in order to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this presentation.

The Offshore Environment

Subsea Data Intensive Networks



Reference: 2011 Subsea Tieback Seminar, Oceaneering International, Jakarta



Source: <https://www.oceanengineering.com/rov-services/rov-systems/>



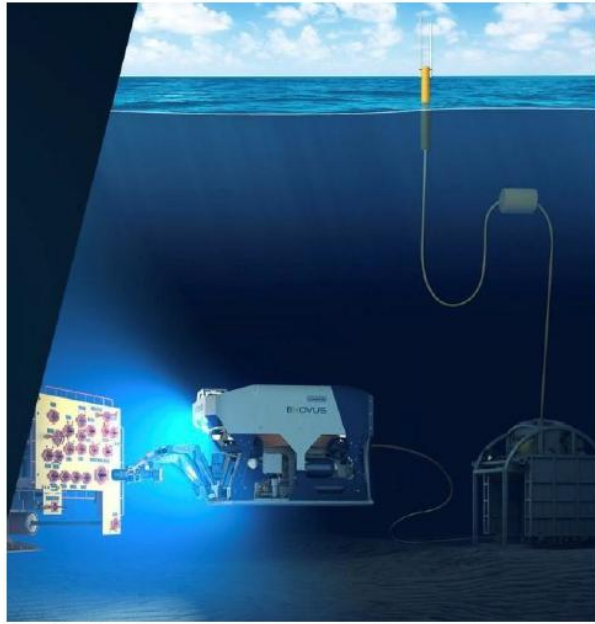
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Source: Twitter @Oceaneering

Application #1: Subsea Charging

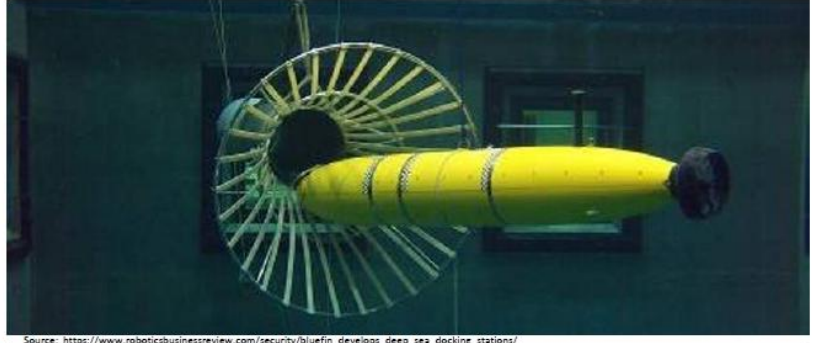
E-ROV
(electric remotely operated vehicle)



Source: Twitter @Oceanering



Source: <http://auvac.org/newsitems/view/1858>



Source: https://www.roboticsbusinessreview.com/security/bluefin_develops_deep_sea_docking_stations/



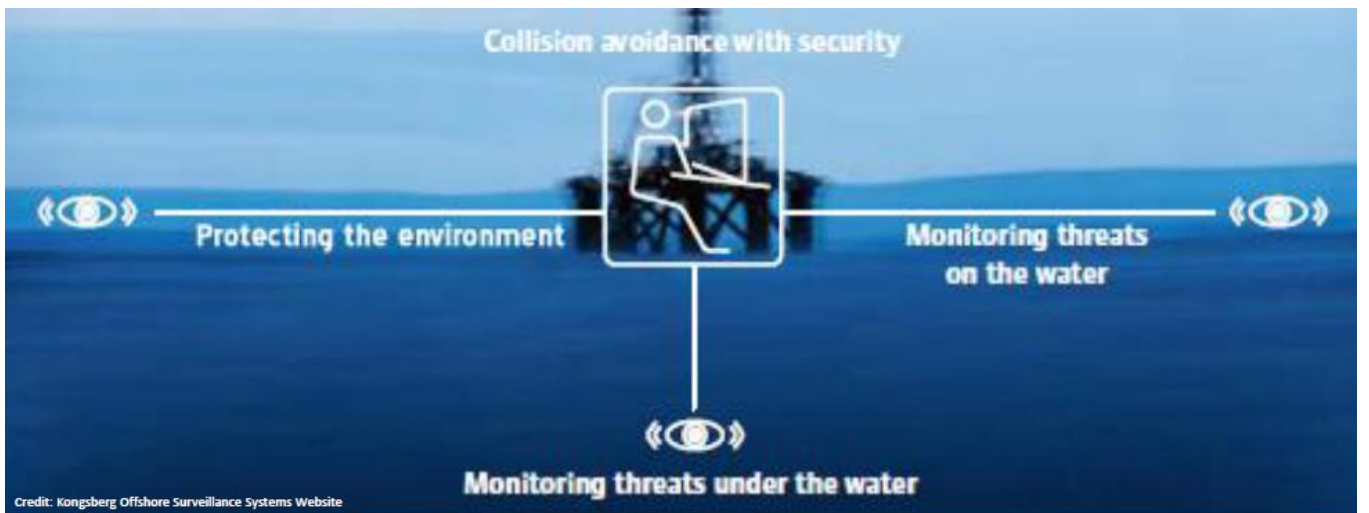
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AUV (Autonomous Underwater Vehicle) Docking Station



Subsea Batteries

Credit: subseaworldnews.com

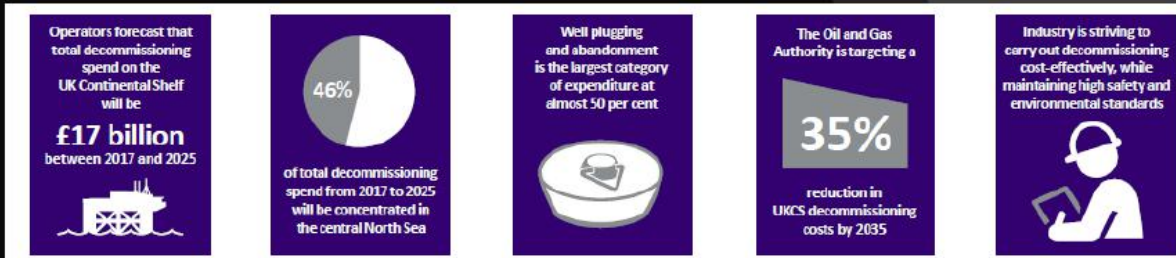


Application #2 | Surveillance and Monitoring

Offshore Oil and Gas Field Decommissioning Market (Well Plug & Abandonment)



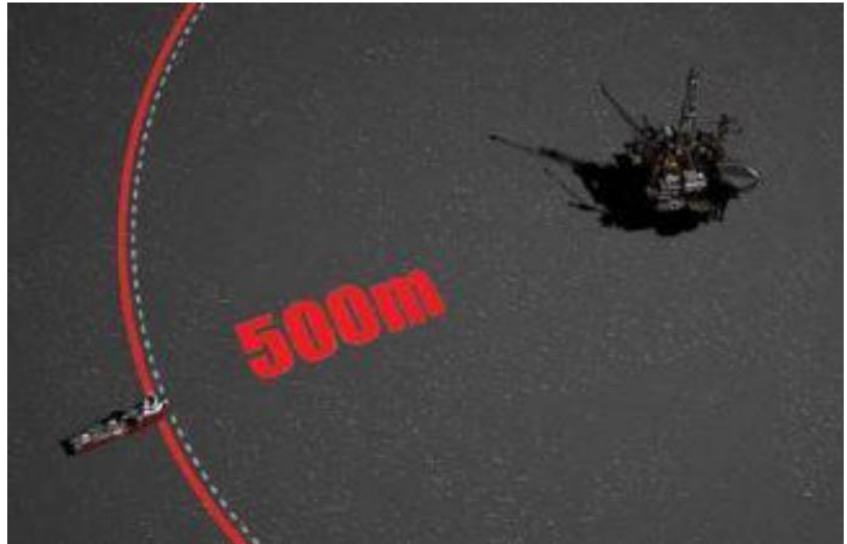
1,357 installations across the OSPAR maritime area, operators are decommissioning ageing assets through 2025



Credit: Decommissioning Insight – Facts & Figures, November 2017, Oil&Gas UK

Problem: Boat and Crew Day Rates are Expensive

- Boat and crew guarding sites during decommissioning of oil platforms and subsea equipment can be \$5,000/day over months and years.
- Safety and cost cause offshore operators to seek the use of unmanned systems.
- Current “guard boats” may only have surface monitoring capabilities.



Credit: Times-Picayune archive

Application #2: Surveillance and Monitoring



Credit: Times-Picayune archive

Solution: PB3 Surveillance Buoys
PB3 with installed surveillance equipment acts as an unmanned station on site, allowing operators to monitor boat traffic above and operations below from the safety of land at a savings of 35% to 50% per year¹.

Revenue potential based on single or multi-buoy leases per site per year. Potentially hundreds of sites globally per year, assuming multiple sites per decommissioning project. Buoy sales become more economical for projects lasting longer than 2-years.

¹ Based on third-party operator case study of PB3 replacing guard boat over multi-year project

Replacing Guard Boats With PowerBuoys



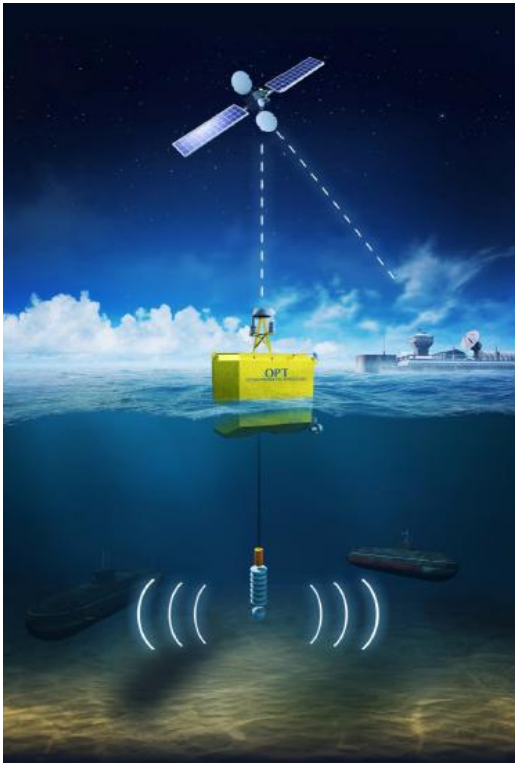
Credit: SABIK Marine

Typical "Surveillance Buoy" Payloads

- Infrared camera
- Passive acoustic monitor
- High frequency radar
- AIS transponder
- Fog horn
- 4G/Wifi communications
- Satellite communications
- Well head sensors
- Sea floor equipment condition monitoring
- Meteorological/oceanic sensors

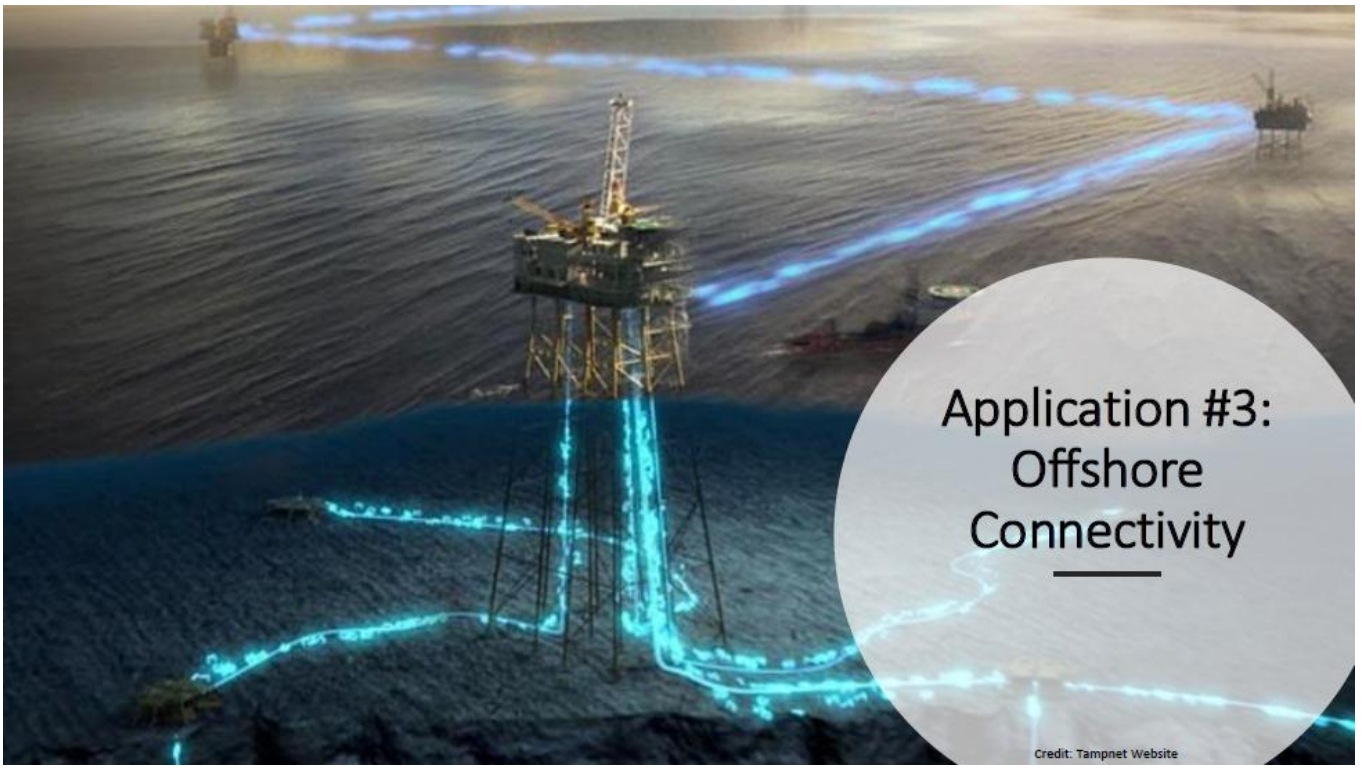


Credit: SABIK Marine



Anchorless PowerBuoy™

- Inertia-based wave energy harvesting technology
- Hybrid energy sources for high availability
 - Wave
 - Diesel
 - Battery
 - Solar (optional)
- Hermetically sealed
- Anchorless
- Steerable electric thrusters
- Multiple concepts of operation
 - Ship-based launch/operate/recover
 - Self-propel from afar
 - Loiter indefinitely with array stowed
- Leverages OPT ocean-proven designs & capabilities
 - Power take-off
 - Energy storage
 - Controls
 - Wave energy analysis



Application #3:
Offshore
Connectivity

Credit: Tampnet Website

Problem: Satellite Communication is Expensive

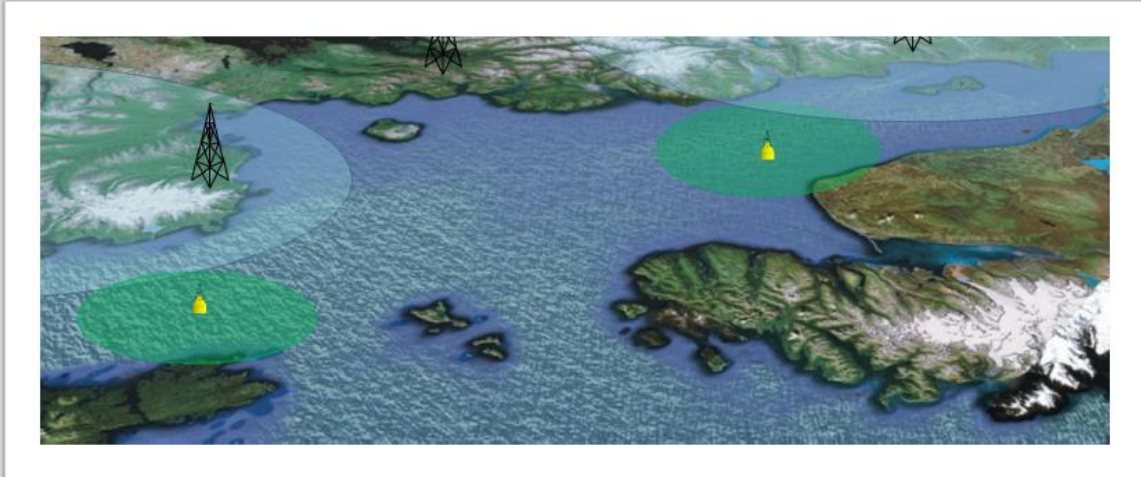
- Satellite communication spend for offshore oil and gas projected to reach \$460 million per year by 2020 (\$3.1 billion per year for global maritime) ¹.
- Use of lower-cost 4G connectivity via offshore fiber is increasing, however coverage gaps exist and infrastructure only extends so far.



Gulf of Mexico Oil Platforms – Photo Credit: Weather Matrix

¹ Frost and Sullivan report

Solution: PB3 CellBuoys®



PB3 with installed mast and 4G equipment provides stable platform and persistent power. CellBuoy® acts as a repeater station to improve existing coverage, or base-station application to extend coverage where infrastructure may not yet exist.

Revenue potential is based on single or multi-buoy sales for new or existing infrastructure build-out

Eni S.p.A. Contract



Source: Eni website

- Objective: Offshore O&G subsea battery charging leading to:
 - Charging of underwater unmanned vehicles;
 - well monitoring;
 - decommissioning applications
- Initial lease: 1 ½ year term, with option to extend by 1 ½ years
- Option to purchase the PowerBuoy™ after first lease period
- Customer required multi-buoy purchase incentive and intellectual property sharing for potential marketing
- Significant costs born by the customer, including deployment, insurance, and storage
- Contracting Duration: 1-Year
 - Project scoping: April 2017
 - OPT vendor qualification: July 2017
 - Contract negotiations begin: September 2017
 - Contract negotiations end: March 2018

Sales and Lease Pipeline Management

- Currently in various stages of discussion with operators and service providers concerning:
 - Subsea charging: Unmanned underwater vehicles, remotely operated vehicles, subsea batteries
 - Monitoring and surveillance: well heads, pipelines, surface traffic
 - 4G connectivity: repeater stations, base stations
- Expanding our sales presence in high activity areas to address hot applications
- Protracted contracting duration: as market adoption accelerates, not expected moving forward



Focused on reducing time to order to move toward sustainable order flow

OPT Investment Thesis

- Innovative commercial product
- Strong intellectual property portfolio
- Total addressable market: \$8.5B
- Attractive end markets: oil & gas, ocean observing, defense & security, communications
- Experienced and disciplined management





Thank You

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