



## **Eclipse Group Inc. Recovers Lost Civilian Plane off Jamaica**

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Eclipse Group, Inc. (EGI), a company specializing in subsea search and recovery operations for both private and governmental sectors worldwide, has announced the successful recovery of a Socata TBM-700 (tail number N900KN) from 3,000 meters depth off the coast of Jamaica.

On September 5, 2014 Laurence and Jane Glazer departed Rochester, NY aboard the single-engine propeller aircraft. Both experienced pilots, their flight plan showed an intended destination of Naples, Florida. FAA Air Traffic Controllers lost contact after takeoff, leading NORAD to deploy two fighter jets to investigate the loss of communications and, if possible, assist the pilots. Contact was never re-established and the aircraft drifted off course and departed US airspace. After passing over Cuba, the plane impacted the ocean approximately 20 nautical miles off Jamaica, sinking in over 3,000 meters of water shortly thereafter. The Jamaican and US Coast Guard were deployed for a surface search.

On December 9, 2014 EGI was contracted to plan and execute a search and recovery of the lost aircraft on behalf of the aircraft owner and the family of Mr. and Mrs. Glazer. EGI began by collecting information from the NTSB, USCG, Jamaican Defense Force, US Navy and the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences. This data was then used to define an operation plan so that the aircraft would be relocated and critical items successfully recovered.

Mission operations began on January 13, 2015. Using the *MV Ocean Pioneer*, a 62-meter deep-water operations ship, An Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) provided by Phoenix International was deployed for the initial sonar search. Analysts identified a high-probability target consistent with the profile and last-known radar position of the lost Socata. Shifting to the recovery phase, EGI deployed Phoenix International's Remora ROV. Locating the wreckage, the ROV successfully retrieved instrumentation and components vital to the ongoing investigation. All recovered items will be turned over to applicable custodians in the immediate future.

EGI would like to thank the Jamaican Maritime Authority (JMA), Jamaican Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA), Defense Force and Coast Guard of Jamaica as well as the NTSB, USCG, NOAA, US Navy, Phoenix International and the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences (BIOS) for their unflagging and ongoing contributions to the success of this mission.

**About Eclipse Group, Inc.**

Based in Annapolis, Maryland, Eclipse Group, Inc. (EGI) specializes in subsea operations services for commercial and government customers worldwide. Our project managers, operations, engineering and support personnel average 23 years' experience in deep water, providing our customers the technical edge necessary for successful maritime operations.

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