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**Scorpion RIBs secures private investment to strengthen brand**

British boat builder Scorpion RIBs has secured private investment to develop new models across its range of 100% British built high-end recreation craft, strengthening the brand across the UK and European markets.

This new investment comes from two private sources, both of whom will become shareholders in the company. Bringing a wealth of experience delivering complex projects spanning both the public and private sectors, investor John Holden says: “I am delighted to be involved with such an important British brand with a global customer base. Scorpion has a rich history, and with new investment, a bright and exciting future".

Every Scorpion is hand built to the precise requirements of its owner in Scorpion RIBs’ factory in Lymington, UK.  All aspects of the boats’ design, styling, moulding, and assembly are accomplished by specialist in-house teams, including the manufacture of the tubes and installation of engines. This total control over design and build provides infinite customisation opportunities, to perfectly fit a customer’s individual requirements.

Each Scorpion RIB embodies the company’s heritage of innovation, and a hull design that has evolved over 25 years of record-breaking offshore racing and ocean passages, to deliver a safe, comfortable ride with outstanding performance in all conditions.  Every craft which leaves the Scorpion factory is hand built to the precise requirements of its owner.

A longstanding and loyal team takes pride in all aspects of the boats’ assembly. This team is expected to expand as a result of the new investment, bringing job opportunities to the local area, including an in-house CAD designer and production staff.

“We’re excited about the new investment in Scorpion and are looking forward to the future,” says Head of Fit Out Craig McMahon, who has been with Scorpion for over 15 years. “We’re looking forward to making the most of the factory’s increased capabilities, as well as welcoming new members to our dedicated team.”

Ancasta International Boat Sales is the exclusive dealer of Scorpion RIBs in the UK and Europe and is delighted to hear of Scorpion’s new investment opportunity.

Andy Andrews, Scorpion Brand Manager at Ancasta, comments: “Scorpion is widely acknowledged as one of the best RIB brands in the world. The unique hull design delivers the highest levels of safety as well as class-leading performance. They are ideal for chase boats and superyacht tenders. This new investment only goes to show just how forward-thinking this brand really is, and we look forward to showcasing the new models across the UK and Europe.”

Ancasta recently presented Scorpion’s new Sting 10m Open at the Southampton International Boat Show. This innovative RIB turned heads, with many serious buyers booking sea trials and current Scorpion owners remarking on the impressive new layout and high-quality finish, confirming the Scorpion RIBs brand is still making its mark among power boating enthusiasts after two decades.

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