

New Outside Broadcasts vehicle from SIS LIVE incorporates yacht and motor sport design innovations

12 September, 2008: SIS LIVE, a world leader in the television broadcasting industry, has announced its most advanced 20 HD camera, 5.1 surround sound capable Outside Broadcasts vehicle to date. The new vehicle, OB 3, has been developed by a combined engineering and design team and incorporates innovations from the yacht and motor sport industry with the mechanics and realities of outside broadcasting. This design combination ensures that the vehicle offers the fast set up, flexibility and reliability which is essential in the broadcasting environment in a comfortable, spacious and stylish environment, a key requisite for clients.

OB 3 is part of a fleet modernisation programme to replace existing vehicles and simultaneously upgrade them to incorporate the latest technology. Technically, it boasts capability for up to 20 Sony HD 1500 cameras and an Evertz EQX matrix that routes sound and vision using the latest 3G technology. This is in addition to Sony MVS800G vision mixing, 5.1 Calrec audio mixing and Reidel talkback communication systems. This will become standard across the SIS LIVE fleet, enabling familiarity and ease of use for clients, supported by flexible staffing and the highest standard of maintenance back up from highly trained base engineers and a good spares stock holding.

The OB 3 design also includes three separate edit areas and an enlarged production area to accommodate a third row of production space.

Mark Tugwell, a Director at SIS LIVE, commented: "OB trucks last anything up to 15 years and cost millions of pounds, so this renewal is an important investment for us. We have created a production environment that supports our clients with the best technical infrastructure whilst offering them relaxation in one of the most stylish and comfortable vehicles on the road. This will become the new design template for our fleet, enabling us to offer an unrivalled base backup with highly trained and experienced engineering staff in support."

Ends

At IBC 2008, SIS LIVE is providing the satellite uplink facility for IBC TV News from its HD capable dual antenna vehicle. SIS has supported IBC TV News by transmitting the news play outs since 2004, which are distributed throughout Europe and the US.

Editor notes

OB 3 key features and specification

- Modern interior design aesthetics
- Production line of sight to sound, editing and engineering bays
- Covered entrance and welcome monitor
- Positional monitors in production area
- Innovative use of space
- Operational comfort designed in
- Wide range of editing requirements in flexible space under one roof

Dimensions

Length 14.6m (operational without tractor unit and front entrance platform down, 13.6m when travelling)
Width 5.4m (when expanded), 2.4m closed
Height 4m

Cameras

Up to 20 HD/SD Sony HDC1500 digital widescreen cameras

Audio

56 fader Calrec Sigma sound desk with Bluefin
Dolby 5.1 capable
Riedel talkback system

Vision Mixer

Sony MVS8000G
51 inputs with 3 ½ ME console

VT and Editing

3 flexible VT areas comprising of 2 edit areas and 1 MCR, all areas are slomo capable
Capable of 8 HD/SD EVSs and 8 HD/SD VT recorders
2 Final Cut Pro

Production Area

3 rows of production desks
16 x 23" Digital Displays (completely configurable with up to 8 images on each monitor giving a typical display of 64 source monitors)
2 x 26" Digital Displays
3 x 20" Digital Displays

Matrix

3Gb/s enabled EQX matrix with embedded audio switching capability built in

About SIS

SIS is one of the world's leading companies in the television broadcasting industry. It is the foremost supplier of television programming and data services to the UK and Ireland betting industry. The company's broadcast business, SIS LIVE, has the largest satellite uplink fleet in Europe and is the largest outside broadcast provider in the UK. It offers a complete broadcasting solution from onsite outside broadcast facilities through to global distribution and IP provision. The company covers 100,000 hours of live events worldwide each year, including Formula One, The Wimbledon Championships, UEFA Champions League football and European Tour Golf, and delivers approximately 80% of live news feeds across the UK.

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