

HIS invests in REGENT Craft: Developer of Electric Seaglider Next-generation mobility for zero-emission, high-speed regional transport

H.I.S. Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo, hereinafter referred to as HIS) has invested in REGENT Craft Inc. (Headquarters: Rhode Island, USA, hereinafter referred to as REGENT) that develops and manufactures all-electric seaglider through its American subsidiary, H.I.S. U.S.A. Holding, Inc.



REGENT's electric seaglider represents a novel class of wing-in-ground-effect vehicles, designed to operate a few meters above the water surface at speeds up to 180 mph (290 km/h). Positioned as a leading contender in the realm of next-generation mobility, it garners attention for its dual emphasis on high energy efficiency and safety, as well as its capacity for zero-emission operation powered entirely by electricity. REGENT is currently developing "Viceroy," a model capable of accommodating up to 12 passengers, with plans to conduct manned flight testing in 2024, and to commence the commercial operation by mid-decade. Looking ahead to the end of the decade, REGENT aims to debut "Monarch," a larger model capable of accommodating up to 100 passengers. REGENT has already secured pre-order contracts for over 600 units from the airline and maritime traffic industries.

Company Name : REGENT Craft Inc. https://www.regentcraft.com/

Established: 2020

Representative: Billy Thalheimer (Co-Founder & CEO)

Number of Employees: 65



Future Prospects

Through this investment, HIS is poised to support REGENT's seaglider business, dedicating utmost effort to crafting captivating travel experiences for customers and contributing to sustainable travel through seaglider technology. In Hawaii, where consideration for inter-island transportation options is advancing, HIS is actively engaged in the "Hawai'i Seaglider Initiative," a collaborative effort involving local governments, private enterprises, and community stakeholders, aimed at raising awareness, fostering understanding, and promoting the adoption of seagliders in Hawaii. In Japan, in partnership with REGENT and Japanese companies, HIS will conduct inspections and provide recommendations regarding the potential adoption of seagliders, particularly from a tourism perspective.