

KSB Western Europe Official Partner of *OceanoScientific Expeditions*

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 – The KSB group, represented by Bruno Monjoint, Regional Executive Officer KSB Western Europe and Boris Lombard, President of KSB SAS, is committed alongside explorer navigator Yvan Griboval in the *OceanoScientific Expedition*: collecting by sail without CO2 emissions aboard the *LOVE THE OCEAN* catamaran for physico-chemical data at the Air-Sea interface to assist scientists in studying the components of climate and chemical and noise pollution over a 5,500 nautical mile (10,200 km) journey from Toulon (France) to Antwerp (Belgium) via Monaco. This will be an opportunity to raise young people's awareness of sea trades by encouraging them to RESPECT and LOVE the Ocean.

Founded in 1871, KSB is a German group established throughout the world. The company produces and markets pumps, industrial valves, fluid management systems and offers associated services (installation, maintenance, etc.). For 150 years, KSB has transported all types of fluids in the building, industry, water and energy sectors, on land and at sea.

Bruno Monjoint said: *"It's a great meeting between a scientific project around water and the KSB Western Europe region, to share and inspire positive change. This human adventure will bring together our cultures, our customers, our partners and our employees to give life to this commitment."* Boris Lombard confirmed: *"We are proud to embark on this ambitious expedition that combines oceanographic research and collective intelligence to raise, today, our level of knowledge of the Ocean in order to act more responsibly tomorrow."*

Dr. Stephan Timmermann, Chief Executive Officer of the KSB Group, explained: "Combining ecology, economy and corporate culture is a central and essential subject for us in charting our path towards sustainable development. Investing in research and the acquisition of open data makes it possible to share the encouraging prospects of sustainable development with as many people as possible. This is also the responsibility of a major industrial brand like KSB."

Director of *OceanoScientific Expeditions*, Yvan Griboval thanked KSB managers for their commitment: *"It is important to wear the colours of companies that put industrial technology at the service of the sustainable preservation of Nature's resources. However, through its various trades and its major role in the collection and transport of water, KSB contributes to minimizing the impact of human activity on natural resources."*

Photo caption: From left to right at the Maison de l'Océan (Paris): Bruno Monjoint (KSB Western Europe), Yvan Griboval, Dr. Stephan Timmermann (KSB Group) and Boris Lombard (KSB France).

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