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Dräger supports underwater world record attempt Gas detector on an extraordinary mission

Lübeck – The Lübeck-based manufacturer of medical and safety equipment supports an unusual underwater project at the Legoland Deutschland theme park in Günzburg, Bavaria: a spectacular Guinness World Records* attempt which takes place till April 13, 2010.

Australian marine biologist and adventurer Lloyd Godson is planning to live in a container measuring four square meters in the underwater world Legoland Atlantis by Sea Life for 14 days – without coming up. He will attempt to generate the largest amount of electric current that has ever been generated by bicycling underwater, and use it to power his laptop. Around 1,300 fish – including sharks, skates and rays – and Legoland visitors will be able to watch Lloyd on-site and via the Internet.

Safety in the container: monitoring the breathing air

Within the confined space of his underwater house, the Australian must eat, sleep, wash himself and use the toilet. And, of course, breathe: this requires a healthy mix of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the container. Because of this, the Dräger X-am 7000 multi-gas detector will continually monitor the ambient air. It will sound an alarm if the oxygen content drops below the 19 volume percent mark or if the carbon dioxide content exceeds 0.5 volume percent. Other measuring instruments will monitor Godson's bodily functions.

Experiment for science and education

The world record attempt will make an important contribution to science: Dennis Chamberland, NASA biological engineer, is in charge of the experiment and will study the impact of long periods underwater on the human body. The goal is to gain new insights on the construction of permanent underwater colonies. Divers Alert Network (DAN), an international association of diving doctors, will accompany Godson's journey with a scientific study. The goal: to increase safety in scuba diving. But education and learning are also essential parts of the project. Contact with people, especially children, is very important to Lloyd. With his experiment, he wants to show visitors the importance of protecting the vulnerable marine ecosystem and the challenges of living underwater. When he is not out on an adventure, he works on innovative school projects to show children how important it is to protect the oceans and their

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inhabitants. He will stay in contact with the outside world from inside his container via the Internet site <http://www.legoland-unterwasserrekord.de/index-en.php>.

Dräger supports Godson for the second time

This thrilling project is already the second adventure that a Dräger gas detector has accompanied the adventurer on. In 2007, the Lübeck-based company already supported Godson when he realized his dream of living under water for the first time in an underwater house in an Australian lake.

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