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Developer and manufacturer of fishing gear and aquaculture equipment for the international markets. Reseller of related products. Advice, service, repairs.

Offices:  
Faroe Islands  
Norway  
Greenland  
Canada  
Denmark  
Iceland  
Lithuania  
Russia

Own net lofts and warehouses:  
Fuglafjørður  
Tórshavn  
Norðskála  
Nuuk  
Sisimiut  
Aasiaat  
Illulissat  
Port-de-Grave  
Tromsø  
Finnsnes  
Svolvær  
Rørvik  
Strandby  
Skagen  
Reykjavík  
Siauliai

Bottom trawls, shrimp trawls, midwater trawls, semi-pelagic trawls, purse seine nets, sorting grids and nets, trawl doors, ropes, wires, twines, chains, shackles, spare parts, accessories.

Nets for fish farming, float frames, drum net washers, mooring systems.

## MAKING TRAWLING SMOOTH

**Pelagic trawls from Vónin made with newly-developed Capto net twine are catching on among skippers looking for smoother operations; meanwhile the new Fortis netting promises to increase performance of benthic trawls.**

WHILE VÓNIN's Fortis netting is increasing the performance of trawl nets used by a range of trawlers including Greenland shrimpers and various Norwegian bottom trawlers, the company's new Capto net twine is making the handling of large midwater trawls easier for a growing number of pelagic fishing vessels across the North Atlantic. First used by Faroese pelagic trawler Fagraberger in 2013, the Capto braided net twine is fast becoming commonplace among Faroese as well as foreign fishing vessels.

According to Jógvan S. Jacobsen, head of Pelagic Sales at Vónin, the new net twine helps pelagic trawlers work more efficiently on deck while also making trawl nets spread easier and quicker in the water after being launched. The product was developed as an alternative to the long-serving Euronete Super-12 net twine for the large meshes in the fore net of midwater trawls. With the stiffer material of the polyethylene coating on Capto, trawls made in the new net twine eliminate the old problem of net tangling during operations.

**'WORKS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL'**

"There is no change in the gear's performance," Mr. Jacobsen said, "and in developing this new net twine we weren't looking for something that would fish more effectively, as the trawls already catch well as they are. Instead, we were looking for ease of handling for the crew and a longer working lifetime."

"More and more pelagic vessels opt for Capto-made trawls," Mr. Jacobsen said, adding that client vessels come from a number of countries including the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway, and Denmark.

As one of the world's foremost developers of fishing gear, Vónin every so

## GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

*Offering a full-spectrum concept in aquaculture equipment, Vónin expands its business further with new corporate headquarters and production hall in Fuglafjørður and a new hall in Nuuk—after successfully opening in Lithuania.*

AMID EXPANSION in several markets, Vónin last year stepped up its Aquaculture division to add own-produced plastic cages to its comprehensive range of equipment and accessories for fish farms. With the rough seas of the Faroe Islands as testing ground, the equipment from Vónin Aquaculture, today installed on every Faroese fish farm, is counted as the most robust and durable in the world.

Alongside plastic cages, Vónin Aquaculture deliver cage nets, moorings, anchors and more, much of it manufactured exclusively for Vónin.



All Faroese fish farms are equipped by Vónin Aquaculture.



Vónin's new 4,000 m<sup>2</sup> production hall in Siauliai, Lithuania.

Vónin Aquaculture has seen its export business grow substantially in recent years, in particular in Norway but also in Scotland and elsewhere.

In other developments, as of spring 2015, Vónin is planning to build its new corporate headquarters in Fuglafjørður, Faroe Islands. Aside from offices, the 100 meter long building will house a specially fitted net loft for large midwater trawls. In Nuuk, Greenland, meanwhile, a new hall for Qalut Vónin is underway, while in 2014, a new facility was built in Siauliai, Lithuania.

often introduces new products and improvements. Alongside midwater trawling, bottom trawling also represents a sizable part of the company's fishing gear business. Here, Fortis netting was recently introduced to make bottom trawling more effective.

Said marketing manager Bogi Nón: "This netting is a solution that resulted from the expressed wish by a skipper who wanted to find both a larger and lighter trawl; this is normally seen as two opposites, yet with Fortis we've managed to create a new system that works exceptionally well. It provides the skipper with the option of either choosing a larger and more effective trawl net, or sticking with

their original size and instead gaining by having towing made much easier."

"Skippers are increasingly opting for Fortis and once they've tried it they tend to stick with it," Mr. Nón said.

Bottom trawl with Fortis netting on board a Norwegian trawler.

