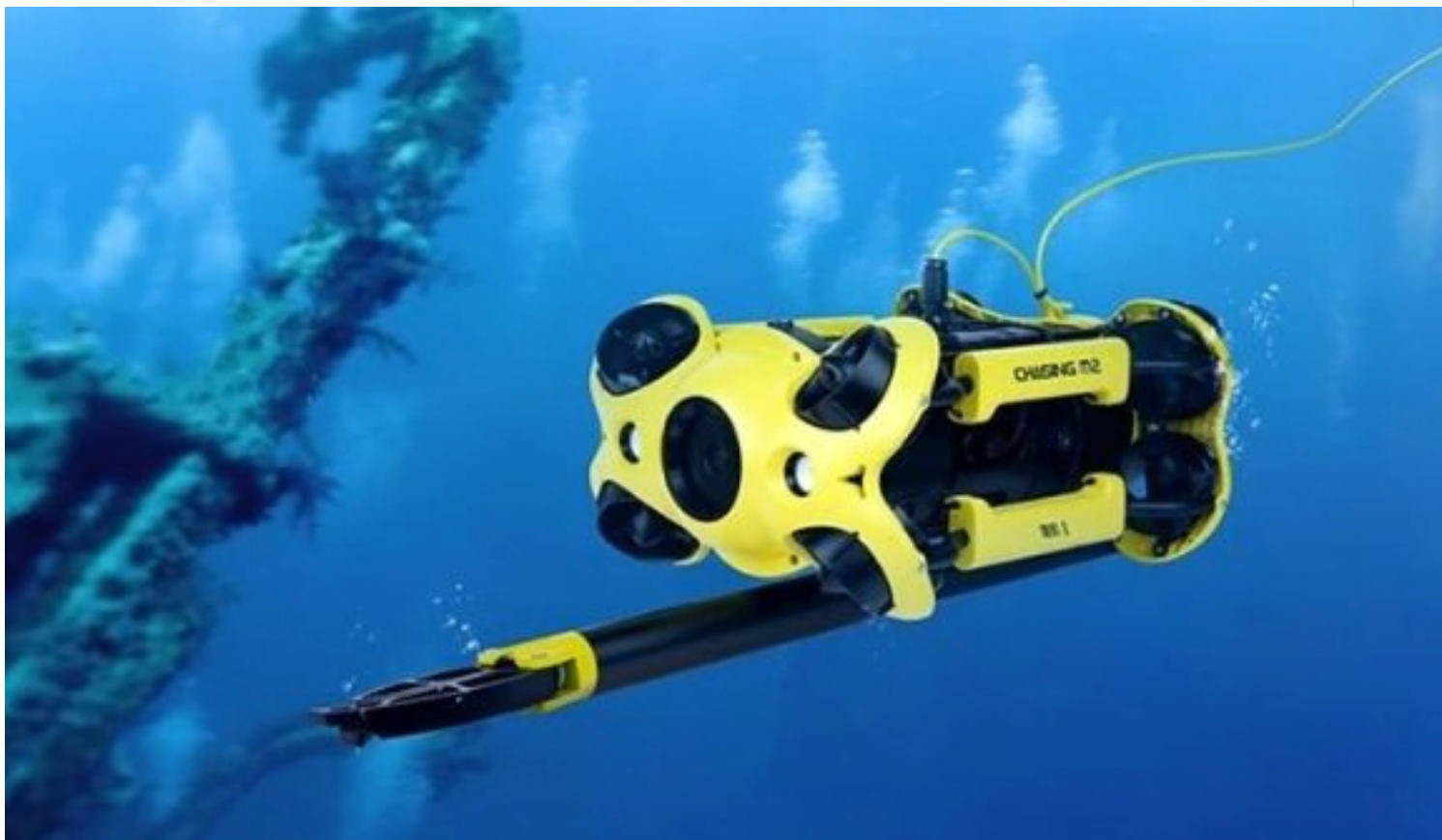# Mexico will use aquatic drone to rescue trapped miners

According to authorities, the craft has an anti-jamming engine that makes it easier for it to adapt and reduce the chances of getting stuck in the sand. | Photo: Prensa Latina

Mexico City, August 8 (RHC)-- Mexico's National Coordinator of Civil Protection (CNPC) at the federal level, Laura Velázquez Alzúa, announced this Monday that the collapsed mine sinkhole in the municipality of Sabinas will be inspected with a drone equipped with an aquatic camera in the interest of rescuing the ten workers who remain trapped.

According to the authority, the drone has a high resolution camera and light to record up to 250 meters deep, which allows rescuers to perceive obstacles without putting their lives at risk.

The official also added that the safe water level to allow access by the rescue and salvage brigades is 1.5 meters, while the current water level is 19.4 meters. However, it was pointed out that the work to extract

water from the collapsed mine is in progress, using motor pumps between 30 and 40 meters deep.

"More than 300 liters per second are being extracted. This is what is necessary according to the technicians and we are hurrying to extract the water so that the rescuers can get in," emphasized President Andrés Manuel López Obrador.

It is worth mentioning that 25 submersible pumps with 1,370 horsepower, 357 federal government brigade members, 230 of them are members of the National Defense Secretariat, 32 of the National Guard and the rest from the National Water Commission (Conagua), Civil Protection, among other agencies, have been deployed for the mine water extraction operations.

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