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Monitoring observations of 1E1547.0-5408 during its current outburst (GCN #8833) with the SWIFT XRT in windowed time mode have been used to construct a phase-coherent timing solution for the rotation behaviour of this magnetar over the period MJD 54855.057-54860.78 (2009 Jan 23, 17:18:04 - 2009 Jan 29 21:14:45). An arrival-time analysis using burst-cleaned and barycentered timing data from the SWIFT XRT (20.85 ks total exposure) yielded the following pulse frequency and frequency time derivative at epoch MJD 54855.0 (TDB timescale): Nu = 0.4825964(3) Hz and dNu/dt= -(8.4 +/- 1.5)E-12 Hz/s. The pulse period evaluated at MJD 54856.7 from this ephemeris is consistent with, but more accurate than, the pulse period reported by Burgay et al. in ATEL #1913 based on Parkes radio data.

INTEGRAL has observed 1E1547.0-5408 for about 100 ks (public ToO) from 2009 Jan 24, 15:30:59 to 2009 Jan 25, 22:14:36 (INTEGRAL Revolution-767; see ATEL #1908), and is currently observing the source for about 300 ks (begin of observation at 2009 Jan 28, 14:21:35; INTEGRAL Revolutions involved 768,769 and 770) as part of an approved ToO program (PI. P.R. den Hartog). Folding the burst-cleaned barycentered INTEGRAL Soft Gamma-Ray Imager (ISGRI) timing data from Rev-767 and 768 (about 146 ks exposure) on the above timing model yielded a 4.0 sigma sinusoidal pulse profile for the 20-150 keV energy band. This is the first time that pulsed emission has been detected from this source in the soft gamma-ray band (> 20 keV). Further analysis is ongoing.

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