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Try Not to Lose Your Head

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The subsea market has been through a period of overheating it has seldom seen before. That's made the whole subsea industry both centre stage and under pressure like it has never been before. Any market being put under that amount of pressure, produces multiple reactions. Now the issue is to try not to panic, or at least try not to panic too much. Remember, keeping a cool head isn't always easy.

Like a grinning naughty schoolboy, 2006 has a lot to answer for. Thanks to a sold out North Sea and masses of hurricane remedial in the Gulf of Mexico it superheated the subsea market until the thermostat was utterly frazzled.

And the repair man still hadn't called in 2007 either. The heat of 2006 caused so many clients to throw themselves into long-term contracts that the market was just as hot. Plus the hurricane remedial work in the Gulf is only now beginning to slacken off after underwriting some of the upswing in demand. Factor in continued deepwater overruns and you have a market that looks like it should only be handled with asbestos gloves.

Over the last 25 years whenever rates have gone up markedly in the subsea market, the end clients have moved the goalposts. Not so this time. For the moment, some operators have felt hemmed into a corner. The

reaction has then been to turn back time going right back to first principles and fixing long-term to make sure they have vessels available to them, especially so on the DSV side.

Yet, the good times will not last indefinitely. A correction will come. The market is currently ignoring its main market driver – small diameter pipelay – and has been staggering on at a high level while the mother and father of all hangovers is brewing. Demand ignoring its real master is not good news. Big increases in vessel supply are also on the way, and while they might not be felt in 2008, they will be seen some in 2009, and then much more so after that.

The other thing that high rates and decent contractor profits have done is just attract more competition. Like so often before, it is the level of competition in the market that has the final say on where rates go. Right now, most of that new competition is stocking up their armouries getting ready to really



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The UK's capital city is set to host Subsea UK's first conference and exhibition of its kind: Subsea Europe. The event aims to attract key decision makers from operators and

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Subsea Business Award Winners Francis Neil (left) of Brinker, Klaire Evans of Brinker, David Turner of BP, and Graeme Coutts of Expro

Members Honoured at Europe's Largest Subsea Showcase

Record number of delegates attended Subsea 08

The 2008 winners of the Subsea UK's annual Business Awards were announced earlier this year at a gala dinner, sponsored by Acergy, in Aberdeen.

The awards, set up to highlight the hard work and excellence of both subsea organisations and individuals from across the UK, were held on the night of Subsea UK's annual flagship event - Subsea 08.

A record number of over 2,000 delegates attended Subsea 08's two day exhibition and conference at the AECC on the 13th and 14th February. Over 90 exhibitors and an impressive line up of speakers from the international subsea sector were present to discuss the supply and demand issues facing the industry.

The conference entitled, 'A View to the Future', featured an array of heavy-weight industry speakers including Tom Botts of Shell, Peter Blake of Chevron and Professor D Haldane from Heriott Watt University and was sponsored by CSL.

On the night of the conference (13th) the Subsea Business Awards 2008 Dinner honoured the following companies and individuals:

- **Expro North Sea Ltd** won the award for Subsea Company of the Year
- Best Newcomer to the Subsea Industry was **Brinker Technology**
- In order to recognise the new talent coming into the industry, the award for Best Young Personality of the Year went to **Klaire Evans** of **Brinker Technology**
- The award for Greatest Individual Contribution to the Subsea Industry went to **David Turner** - Subsea Operations Manager with **BP**. David has a history stretching back 30 years in subsea oil and gas

For information on Subsea 09 and the next Subsea Business Awards please contact admin@subseauk.com or visit www.subsea09.com

Universities Collaborate to Create the Subsea Research Institute A Centre of Excellence Revealed

The Subsea UK Business Awards celebrated another announcement with the news that a subsea research institute is to be created in Aberdeen.

In late 2007, Subsea UK, as part of its 2020 vision, produced and distributed a glossy prospectus calling for a subsea Centre of Excellence here in the UK.

In response to the prospectus, three of Scotland's leading universities revealed that they wish to create a Subsea Research Institute, as part of their overall agreement to establish a Northern Research Partnership (NRP) in engineering and related disciplines.



Millions of pounds are to be invested in the NRP, which is a joint venture involving Aberdeen, Dundee and the Robert Gordon Universities.

The Subsea Research Institute is expected to be based at Aberdeen University where laboratory space for subsea research and development will be created at their main engineering building.

Research interests and activities which already exist in support of the Subsea industry will be enhanced and expanded. Academics and industrialists have warmly welcomed the approach which should ensure that cutting edge, applied research is well informed by the needs and drivers of the industry itself.

The universities investment in subsea technologies was made clear late last year when both Robert Gordon University and Aberdeen University announced their new MSC courses in Subsea Engineering and there are also talks of introducing a degree programme focused on the subsea industry.

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enter the game in the next year or so. Competition will then be turned up a notch just as the supply side of the market has the potential to grow like a virulent plague.

A great many now have a great deal at stake. Every side of the market is exposed to risk, but not necessarily to the same degree. Even if some of the risk is much more on the shoulders of vessel owners with speculative tonnage being built, that still has implications for the whole market. Venture capital is a much bigger factor than previously. Plus, most of the contractors and some of the ship owners are publicly quoted. That puts them under constant pressure to deliver over and over again, even now when the market could be considered to be at its zenith. That pressure is only going to get worse, especially once the market gets more tricky, and it will.

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contractors of the subsea oil and gas and wider marine sectors from across Europe and Africa.

Subsea Europe follows the success of last year's event in Paris - Subsea Forum - which saw over 300 delegates attend the two-day event.

This year's event, to be held on the 30th October 2008 at the Business Design Centre in Islington, is organised with support from the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.

As well as offering technical insights, the conference will discuss the impact of the high oil price and unprecedented levels of activity.

The exhibition is an opportunity to highlight the skills, capabilities and resources of subsea companies to a very important audience. Visitors will be able to get a snapshot of what the UK's subsea industry offers - in one day, under one roof.

Preceding the event, a prestigious networking dinner will be held at the

2008 Forthcoming Events

PARLIAMENTARY RECEPTION
The Terrace Pavilion, House of Commons, London
3rd June

SUBSEA ASIA
Kuala Lumpur
11/13th June

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Newcastle
19th June

CAREERS AND LIFESTYLE EVENT
Aberdeen AECC
26th June

GOLF DAYS
Inchmarlo
5th and 12th September

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Aberdeen
28th October

SUBSEA EUROPE DINNER
London Aquarium
29th October

SUBSEA EUROPE
Islington, London
30th October

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3/5th December

SUBSEA 09
Aberdeen
11/12th February

SUBSEA TIE BACK FORUM
San Antonio, Texas
3/5th March

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London Aquarium on the evening of 29th October.

David Pridden, Chief Executive of Subsea UK said: "This event is a prime opportunity for us to debate key issues and showcase innovations from the subsea industry. London is a key city for us as we hope to attract delegates from as many European capital cities as possible."

For further information on the event please contact trish@subseauk.com

Subsea UK Website Makeover

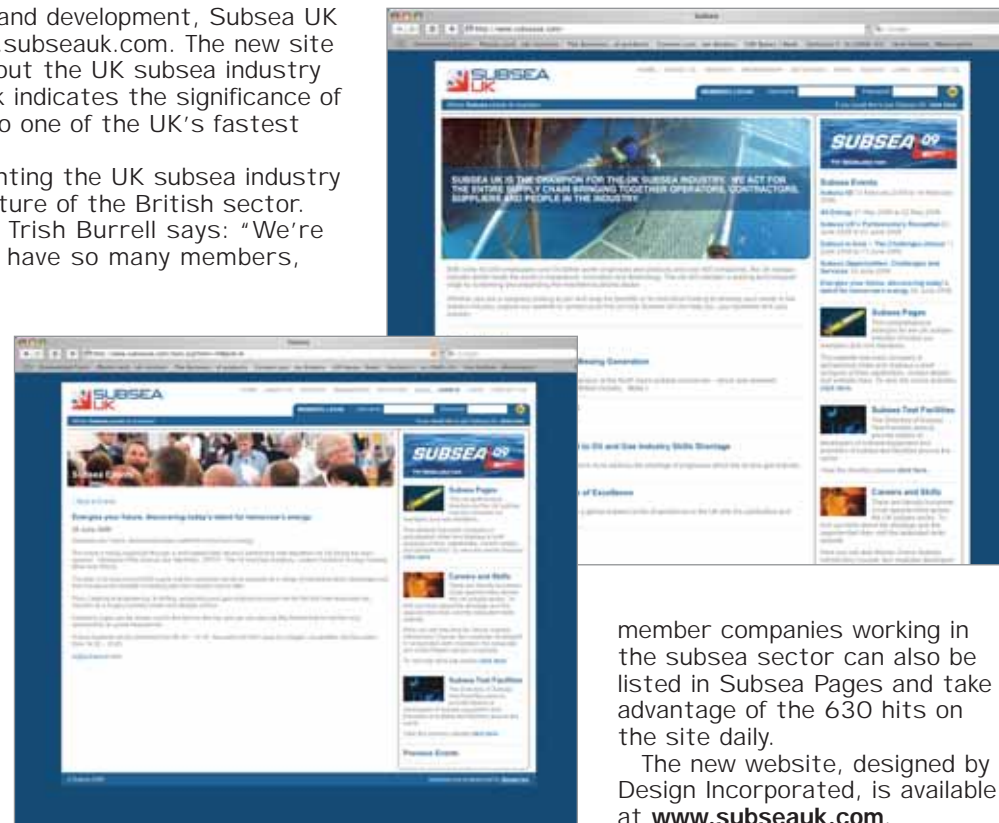
After months of careful planning and development, Subsea UK has relaunched its website: www.subseauk.com. The new site provides comprehensive detail about the UK subsea industry and its members and its new look indicates the significance of the organisation's commitment to one of the UK's fastest growing sectors.

The new site is aimed at presenting the UK subsea industry globally, giving visitors a clear picture of the British sector.

Office Manager of Subsea UK, Trish Burrell says: "We're delighted with the new site. We have so many members, non members and visitors, that it was important to focus on a user friendly portal. With over 170 member companies supporting Subsea UK it was also essential to have a system that showcases their products and services through an easy-to-use site."

From the website, users can gain information on the industry through articles, reports, industry news, directories, events and links to other relevant sites.

Subsea Pages, the online directory for subsea companies, has also been updated to feature a similar design as the new site. Non



member companies working in the subsea sector can also be listed in Subsea Pages and take advantage of the 630 hits on the site daily.

The new website, designed by Design Incorporated, is available at www.subseauk.com.

Subsea Industry Addresses Staff Retention

A survey, set up by Subsea UK in collaboration with its Skills Forum, has revealed that staff retention, by subsea companies in the UK, is on the up. The survey was conducted amongst Subsea UK members to establish what the current rate of staff turnover was and how it reflects against the previous year.

With various reports indicating that the industry has critical issues with regard to retaining its staff, Subsea UK felt it was timely to conduct a survey among its members to establish how serious the situation has become.

However, good news emerged from the findings which revealed that annual staff turnover is running at an average of less than 10%, with majority of members agreeing that this is lower than the previous year.

The survey has also indicated that a higher rate of contract staff negatively reflects on a company's overall retention rate.

Dianne Stewart, Chair of the Subsea UK Skills Forum and Global

Resourcing Manager for Subsea 7, also admits that retention should be a long-term focus and adds: "While these findings suggest that staff turnover has at least slowed somewhat, it has also revealed the benefits of employing permanent staff in relation to retention."

"Through these surveys, where we are able to share information, the collaboration of industry is vital for our sector to establish and act upon the issues we face."

The Skills Forum, which was set up to address and shape policy and major initiatives in the skills area, is also focusing on encouraging chartered status by persuading companies that it is in their interest to employ chartered engineers.



Stewart adds: "There is a need to stimulate our engineers and promote the industry as part of a modern knowledge-based economy. Our industry needs to promote chartered status giving companies a recognised level of ability competence."

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Energy Minister to Attend Subsea UK's Parliamentary Reception at the House of Commons

Minister for Energy, Malcolm Wicks, has agreed to speak at Subsea UK's first Parliamentary Reception at the Pavilion Terrace at the House of Commons on the 3rd June 2008.

The reception will be hosted by Frank Doran MP on behalf of Subsea UK and will welcome MPs, Peers and key industry leaders to present the UK's subsea industry to Parliamentarians highlighting the overall scale of the industry, its impact upon the UK national economy and the technologies and companies involved across the UK.

Key industry statistics will be presented which will show that within the UK, this technology driven, manufacturing and service based industry had annualised revenues last year of £4.5bn of which 50% were from exports, employed 40,000 people and grew by just under 30% making the UK global leaders. The figures reflect a strong domestic industry but, more importantly, a rapidly developing international market as the oil and gas industry seeks to exploit more hostile offshore environments and deeper waters. The global market is considered to be in excess of £20bn and is set to grow to in excess of £40bn.

Sponsored by Expro, First Subsea, Trelleborg and Wellstream, the event will welcome 100 guests, of which 50 will come from the industry, all of whom will be invited by Subsea UK.

A Spectacular Window to Showcase Subsea Subsea Aquatheatre gets Industry Backing

Subsea UK has commissioned the build of a large-scale portable aquarium for highlighting subsea technologies: the Subsea Aquatheatre.

With funding from its members, Subsea UK is set to deliver this attraction for its debut at the 'Energise your Future' event in Aberdeen's Exhibition and Conference Centre on the 26th June.

Thanks to support from industry, the exhibit will demonstrate the technology used underwater, such as cameras, remotely operated vehicles and diving equipment.

Funding has come from several member companies: Wellstream, Oceaneering, Subsea 7, Triton, OPITO and the Engineering Business.

The event, organised through a multi stakeholder alliance partnership with Marathon, OPITO, Careers Scotland, Energy Institute, Shell and WSCA, will soon have the world's best marine technology at their fingertips. It is hoped that this attraction will encourage young people to pursue careers in science and engineering.

The Subsea Aquatheatre will be a



large tank containing 22,000 litres of water where visitors to the exhibition can gain first hand experience of what it is like to drive an ROV in an aquatic environment.

One of the main aims of this event is to tackle the skills shortage in the

subsea sector. Subsea UK Communication Manager, Katherine Dawson said: "The event is a prime opportunity for us to showcase the Subsea Aquatheatre. We believe this exhibit is a fantastic way for young people and adults to play with technology that is used in the real world and a chance to rid any negative stigma associated with a career in the oil and gas industry."

"The UK subsea industry is one of the most exciting and fastest growing technology sectors in the world that is pioneering Earth's last frontier. subsea is a career that can take you to all four corners of the globe - working in locations as diverse as the North Sea, the Gulf of Mexico, Indian Ocean or even the Arctic."

"Through this attraction we hope to show youngsters that there is an element of fun in what we do and this is a chance for them to put their playstation skills to use."

The Subsea Aquatheatre follows the concept of the National Marine Aquarium's Aquatheatre (pictured) based in Plymouth.

And Now For something a Little Different...

Growth of the subsea sector has brought with it new challenges, ranging from the current skills shortage to the fall of activity in the North Sea necessitating the need to operate in new and potentially hostile environments. Running contemporaneously to this is the challenge of promoting the UK as a global hub and centre of excellence for the sector.

Challenges can, of course, be overcome but with the largest areas of growth for the subsea sector forecast as West Africa, Latin America and Asia, one obstacle to be overcome is the 'challenging' nature of these operating environments themselves.

Headline-grabbing incidents of kidnap and vessel seizure in the Niger Delta aside, the issue of security needs to be raised. Whether this is in terms of economics and the risk to the wider operation, or the risk to personnel, this is an issue that companies need to address.

Security is more than fences and armed guards. It is a state of mind: both the collective mind of a company, and that of the individuals it employs. Thorough ground work prior to deployment of equipment or a company's number one asset – its staff – is a necessity in the current geopolitical climate.

At a company level the decision of whether or not to commit to operations in a specific location can be assisted by the provision of actionable intelligence. The same is true for the individual employee, for whom something as simple as travel awareness training can provide him or her with the skills to deal with extraordinary situations and the faith that the employer

is positively and adequately preparing him or her for their job.

How many SMEs operational in these regions would defer to the operator in times of crisis? Many assume that the security and, if necessary, evacuation of their staff will be provided by the operator – this is often not the case. Similarly, while all of these companies will have crisis management plans in place to deal with the failure of equipment, how many have crisis management plans in place to deal with an emergency of a security nature? For those that do, does that plan dovetail with that of the operating company to which you are contracted?

In order to continue to promote the UK subsea sector as a global leader, companies and their staff are required to operate in these growing market areas with confidence and in safety. With an integrated approach to security and thinking beyond the stereotype, UK companies can fly the flag of the subsea sector and reap the financial rewards these geographical hotspots have to offer.

Claire Fleming **AKE Group**
new Subsea UK member



Regional Manager Appointed To Open Asian Base For Rotech Subsea

Mass-flow excavation (MFE) specialists Rotech Subsea has appointed Regional Manager Barry Silver to open a base in Singapore to cope with swelling opportunities in the region.

The company, which operates a unique and patented range of T tools, has enjoyed growing interest for its services in the oil and gas rich region and establishing a formal Asia-Pacific base was the next step in providing the best service to its current and potential clients. The base will also service the Australian market but there are plans to open a base in Perth, Western Australia within the next 12 months if expected demand is met.



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Subsea 7 Opens North Sea Spoolbase at Vigra, Norway

The base was officially opened by Kristian Siem, Chairman of Subsea 7 Inc, Knut Støbakk, the Mayor of Giske Community, Morten Ruud, Executive Vice President of StatoilHydro and Mel Fitzgerald, Chief Executive Officer of Subsea 7 in a ceremony recently held at the base.

The \$30 million / NOK 200 million investment is key to developing Subsea 7's already strong pipelay capability in the North Sea market. Furthermore, it provides a strategic platform for new geographic markets such as the Barents Sea as that region opens up.



Acquisitions Greatly Expand Acteon's International Presence

Acteon has announced the acquisition of both Singapore-based CAPE Group and 80% of Brazilian mooring and anchoring equipment specialist, Fluke Engenharia Ltda.

Cape Group, which employs 28 people and has an annual turnover of approximately \$13 million, is well established in two main business areas in South East Asia: pipeline inspection, repair and maintenance, and foundations and piling.

Richard Higham, Group Chief

Executive, Acteon, said, "We were attracted to CAPE by its strong reputation with the principal players in the region, its local market knowledge and, not least, the firm fit between its main areas of expertise and Acteon's existing service portfolio."

"The company also has an important dockside operations base in Singapore, which will act as a sales and service centre for other Acteon companies and support our

strategic drive to increase the amount of business we do in this area of the world."

The acquisition of Fluke increases Acteon's geographical presence in the key deepwater Brazilian market and adds extensive capabilities to its mooring systems services.

Fluke employs 350 people spread between its office in Rio de Janeiro and an 80,000 m² fabrication, maintenance and inspection facility in Macaé.



The Russians are Coming

The Underwater Centre recently welcomed the first in a series of ROV students from Russia. The group, and their translator, have come to Fort William from Pod Vod Servis, an underwater/ technical services company based in Moscow.

The group of students are studying the three week ROV Pilot Technician course, which covers a variety of subjects including electrical installation in adverse conditions, microprocessors and advanced logic used in ROV, and the components used in the hydraulic systems of ROV.



CSL Opens London Office

Aberdeen-based subsea project management and engineering company CSL has opened a new office in central London. This expansion is in keeping with the company's strategy to extend operations to other oil and gas regions outside Aberdeen by opening additional offices in key strategic

locations during 2008.

The London office which opened for business at the beginning of March, is located midway between the City and the West End and was chosen specifically because of its close proximity to a number of independent oil and gas operators.



Dynamic Positioning Services Joins Global Subsea Technology Group Seventh Acquisition for Triton Group Holdings

Aberdeen-based Dynamic Positioning Services Ltd (DPS) has been acquired by Triton Group Holdings for an undisclosed sum.

This is the seventh acquisition for UK-based Triton Group Holdings since forming in 2007 with an ambitious strategy to build an international group of businesses offering a range of subsea technology and associated services.

From Aker Kvaerner to Aker Solutions – Launch of New Brand Identity



Aker Kvaerner, a global provider to the process and energy industries, has changed its name to Aker Solutions. At the same time it launched its new logo and visual profile.

The announcement followed the last ever Aker Kvaerner Annual General Meeting. President & CEO, Simen Lieungh, unveiled the brand identity among shareholders and invited guests as well as to stakeholders worldwide via webcast.

2H Offshore Opens Regional Base in Malaysia

2H Offshore, an Acteon company, announced it is now open for business in Kuala Lumpur in an effort to meet deepwater engineering demands in Malaysia and the Asia-Pacific region.

The riser engineering specialists made known their commitment to serve Malaysia with their expertise. Frank Lim, principal director, said, "I started coming to Kuala Lumpur on behalf of 2H Offshore in 2005.

When it became clear that the requirements of this market would coincide with our core skill-sets we committed ourselves by forming a comprehensive plan to develop a truly Malaysian business in the Asia-Pacific region. We recruited local engineers and trained them so that now we can use them in our local office."



Scotland Rugby Captain joins Xodus Line-Out

Scottish rugby captain Jason White has teamed up with fast-growing oil and gas engineering consultancy Xodus in a first-of-its kind partnership.

The high profile player, recognised as one of the big-hitters in the game around the world, will be closely aligned with Aberdeen-headquartered Xodus for a year.

During this time he will become a regular visitor to Xodus where he will be available to meet clients and staff, imparting his knowledge of the game, motivation and team-building tips and maybe even some dressing room secrets.

Hydro Group Secure Funding for Growth

Hydro Group plc, a global solutions provider of optical and electrical products in the subsea technology industry, has been granted £4 million capital funding by Clydesdale Bank to develop progressive new facilities.

A major national and international supplier of harsh environment engineered products to the offshore oil and gas, defence, oceanographic, renewable energies, diving and ROV/AUV markets. Aberdeen based Hydro Group will use the secured funding to build research, design and engineering test facilities at Aberdeen Science and Energy Park.



Lord Cullen Opens Expro's Aberdeen Centre of Excellence

International oilfield service company Expro has reinforced its commitment to personal development, training and world-class safety performance by building a network of global Centres of Excellence at each of the company's main bases.

This network includes centres in Egypt, South Africa, Malaysia, Brazil, Louisiana and Aberdeen.

The Aberdeen Centre of Excellence is at the heart of this global network and acts as the flagship to the regional satellite locations. This centre was officially opened on the 14th of May by Lord Cullen of Whitekirk who, since leading the public inquiry into the Piper Alpha disaster, has focused on the critical



importance training and competence play in ensuring oilfield safety.

The Centres of Excellence will support employees to develop their skills in order to achieve their potential, and will play a major part in developing fresh talent in the industry. Customers and other external groups will also be able to benefit from Expro's technical and professional expertise by taking

part in training at any of Expro's Centres of Excellence.

The Aberdeen Centre of Excellence is the being used for all aspects of learning and development including HSE training, technical training in well test, subsea, data acquisition and operations engineering. It is also used for sales and management training, project management, and supervisory training.

New Multi-Million-Pound Base for World-Renowned Tronic Team



Work will start shortly on creating a new multi-million-pound base for international oilfield service company Expro's Tronic products division in Ulverston, UK. The new facility will consolidate the Tronic operations in a single, modern site, and provide an improved working environment for employees.

Around 260 people are currently employed across several Tronic sites in the Ulverston area. The ambitious move will allow the business to consolidate its operations in one location, which has the capacity for more than 450 employees.



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Balmoral: Investment Needed to Keep Pace With Demand

As the offshore industry, particularly the subsea sector, continues to predict levels of growth unheard of for many years, supply companies must commit to substantial investment simply to keep pace with the growing demand for enabling technologies such as surface and subsurface buoyancy.

Aberdeen-based Balmoral Offshore Engineering has made such an investment in its research and manufacturing facilities to ensure its client-base benefits from the very latest technology in terms of new and innovative materials, advanced processing techniques, enthusiastic project management and proven product performance.

Jim Milne, Balmoral's chairman and Managing Director, told us: "I am



very proud to announce the latest development in our syntactic processing plant."

"This is the latest upgrade to our facility in just over two years and provides Balmoral with a manufacturing capacity that is the envy of the industry.

What does this mean to project engineers though? Put simply, we are optimally positioned to design,

produce, test and provide on-time delivery of a fully comprehensive range of buoyancy and PU products."



VetcoGray to Expand Deepwater Capabilities With New, Multi-Million Dollar Test Centre at its Nailsea, UK Site



VetcoGray, a GE Oil & Gas business, has announced plans to build a new, multi-million dollar hyperbaric test centre at the company's Nailsea site.

Located next to the existing assembly and test facilities, the new world-class test centre will utilize hyperbaric (high-pressure oxygen) technology to simulate operational conditions at the seabed. VetcoGray's subsea control modules will be rigorously tested to identify any dormant fault conditions that otherwise would be detected only after the pod was installed on the sea floor.

Dave Tucker, Chief Operating Officer of VetcoGray, noted: "Over the next five years, most of our projects will involve testing of equipment at depths of 3,000 meters. But the trend in the industry is toward applications in deeper water. Our new facility will have a test capability of 4,000 meters, enabling us to address the future needs of our customers."

€ 1 Billion Boost to Technip's Asset Base

Leading engineering and construction company, Technip, recently announced it is to invest over 1 billion Euros in advancing and extending its asset base, including the addition of 4 new vessels to its already substantial fleet.

With the buoyant Oil and Gas market, Technip's fleet, which support its Global subsea operations, has been working at near full capacity and with the anticipated growth of the subsea sector, the decision to embark on the asset investment programme was deemed essential to ensure Technip continues to provide its clients with sustainable solutions to optimise the management of the world's energy resources.

Tritech Sonars Uncover Secrets of Malta's Historic Water Systems

Miniature sonars, engineered by north east Scotland-based Tritech International Limited, have been invaluable in helping to uncover the deep secrets of Malta's historic fresh water systems.

Several reservoir sites in Malta and Gozo have been the focus of collaborative archaeological



explorations by AURORA Trust, Marine Resources Development Foundation and California Polytechnic State University. The

investigations aim to understand the complexities of underground cisterns and infrastructures and to research their evolution.

Subsea Sector Shines Brightly at Scottish Enterprise Awards

Major accomplishments in Scotland's energy industry were honoured at this year's Scottish Offshore Achievement Awards. Subsea UK members shined brightly with Subsea 7 obtaining the top award for overall achievement as well as the export achievement award and, as an added bonus, was highly commended in the succeeding through people category.

MCS received the Internationalisation of Scottish Skills awards and Brinker celebrated a double win with Most Promising



Small Company and Rising Star for their business development manager,

Klaire Evans, who was a joint winner in this category..

OMS Measures up for Award

Hertfordshire-based Optical Metrology Services (OMS) has notched up another award for innovation. The UK company, which specialises in precision measurement services and tools for the oil and gas industry, has just scooped its third prestigious Pipeline Industries Guild award.

OMS have added the Guild's award for 'Significant Contribution to Subsea Pipeline Technology' in 2008 to other recent awards. The company has previously won a Queen's Award for Enterprise in Innovation and a Pipeline Industries Guild award for 'Land Based Technology' in 2007 and 'Subsea Rigid Pipeline Technology' in 2004.

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Fundraising Trek To Mount Kilimanjaro Puts Local Charity On Top Of The World

Local charity VSA is on top of the world after receiving a donation of over £1,000, thanks to the spirit of adventure of a DOF Subsea UK employee and the company's financial support.

Mona Petrie, a software engineer at the Aberdeen-based subsea operations support company, successfully reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, known as "The Roof of Africa," last month. Reaching the 5895 metre summit took seven days, during which time she encountered a whole spectrum of weather conditions, as well as suffering from altitude sickness.

Subsea Intervention Team Passes Ten Year Safety Milestone

The subsea intervention team within Chevron Upstream Europe's (CUE) drilling, completions and subsea group (DCSG) recently achieved an outstanding safety milestone – 10 years of field operations without a Days Away From Work Case (DAFWC) incident.

A Double Show of Support From Technip

Technip has announced that it has donated a substantial sum to help North East cancer charity, CLAN (Cancer Link Aberdeen & North) launch the '123' campaign, which aims to raise £3 million over the next two years. The money is being raised to fund a new fit for purpose support centre, which is needed to ensure the charity is able to meet the current and future needs of people living with cancer in Aberdeen and the North of Scotland.

This comes at a time when Technip also announces that it has donated £2000 of Graphic Design software and ten 'high end' PCs to its partner school, Westhill Academy. The new equipment and software aims to help pupils complete coursework more quickly and efficiently and allow them the chance to become more familiar with equipment used in the Industry; helping them 'hit the ground running' should they choose a career in the Graphics discipline.

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