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Humber at the heart of it as Alan Johnson becomes patron

It has been a whirlwind few months for THMA..... up and down the UK and across to northern Europe; plenty of conferences, exhibitions, showcases and company events, and we've been at the heart of all the action.

Following our successful trip to Bremerhaven and Hamburg, we worked closely with Enterprise Europe Network on another rewarding trade mission, to Siemens Wind Power's main production site at Brande in Denmark. The three-day visit was also in conjunction with overseas partners including Windcluster Norway and Targeting Innovation, as part of the North Sea Offshore Wind conference 2013. This was a great opportunity to network with the Danish and Norwegian offshore wind industry and provided clear evidence of increasingly strong

trade links - which we will continue to foster.

The scale of investment in Denmark was impressive and, as with Germany, it showed what's possible in the UK.

We were in Aberdeen in May for All-Energy as part of the Humber Renewables delegation, followed by Renewables UK Offshore Wind 2013 in Manchester and Seawork at Southampton. And we'll be in Birmingham NEC this month for the Renewables UK 2013 annual conference and exhibition.

We have also helped drive the continuing interest in the offshore wind market with the AREVA, NOF showcase event in Co Durham, in July, while a recent 'Doing Business in Denmark' offshore wind seminar, in conjunction with UKTI, stoked the fires.

The new direct service between Copenhagen and Humberside indicates the continued growth in renewables and marine related trade with Denmark. THMA and our members have had recent, very positive meetings with DONG Energy about the Humber supply chain and conducted them on a tour of the Humber ports.

This increase in Anglo-European business activity can be seen nowhere better than in Grimsby, as this THMAil edition shows.

We have also thrown our support behind the region's first University Technical College, the Humber UTC, and are on the advisory board to create this new centre for engineering and renewables training excellence, earmarked for a site in Scunthorpe.

And we are also looking forward to developments at Able marine energy park, which is currently negotiating its way through the regulatory maze.

Alan Johnson MP was our very entertaining guest of honour at Team Humber's 18th birthday dinner dance at Willerby Manor Hotel. Alan has always been supportive, so it's with great pleasure that we can announce he has become our patron.

As we look to build on the good work of recent years Alan's patronage bodes well.



Mark O'Reilly
Director, Team Humber Marine Alliance



Raising the Concordia

➔ With the help of Dalby Offshore, the 114,500 tonne Costa Concordia was finally rotated upright.

This latest phase of its salvage operation on September 16 and 17 used cables and metal water tanks to roll the ship on to a platform, and took 19 hours to complete.

The cruise liner carrying 4,000 passengers ran aground on January 13 last year, with the loss of 32 lives, after leaving the Italian port of Civitavecchia

The starboard side is now visible after 20 months submerged, but months of work lie ahead making her in a fit state to be towed from Giglio island and broken up, probably in the spring of 2014.

The Dalby Offshore team, pictured, is sub-contracted to the American-Italian consortium Titan-Micoperi to support the operation with the accommodation/work barge ASV Pioneer.

Hands-on Fabricom

➔ Cofely Fabricom GDF SUEZ UK is working on a five-month contract on the Lynn and Inner Dowsing wind farm.

Its projects, renewables and maintenance business unit has worked on all 54 individual turbine foundations, including fabrication, installation and set-up, structural works, welding and mechanical bearing installation. The majority of the work has within a

confined space environment at the base of the foundation of each turbine.

The company has also helped provide access hatches on all the turbines to improve safety, including better barriers and a handrail.

■ Clive Rounce has joined the Fabricom business GSA, at Brigg, as senior operations manager.

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Orders on metal plate

➔ MTL Group has secured a multi-million pound export order for fabricated and painted armoured hulls for an armoured vehicles manufacturer.

Simon Hurst, the company's sales manager for defence, said: "We were selected as a partner due to our state of the art facility and hull manufacturing experience. We have more serious enquiries that will hopefully come to fruition in the coming months."

Tata Steel makes tracks

➔ Tata Steel is right on track with two five-year supply steel contracts.

The Team Humber member is to supply Network Rail with more than 95 per cent of its rail track and steel sleeper plates until 2019, with a 2024 extension option. The company is also to meet the aircraft-quality steel requirements worldwide for Safran Group, a manufacturer of aircraft, rocket engines and propulsion systems.

Network Rail will be supplied from Scunthorpe, Safran from the Stocksbridge plant in south Yorkshire. However, despite the business wins Tata has announced plans for 340 redundancies at Scunthorpe, mainly office-based.

Bit between their teeth

'I feel privileged to be helping take Precision Drilling on to the next stage'

Precision Drilling is expanding under its new owner and managing director Ian Wilkinson.

The company specialises in drilling for specific sectors such as nuclear, oil, gas and defence and is also prominent in building, construction and civil engineering.

Around £100,000 has been spent on a new floor saw for exterior concrete cutting, such as roads and drainage, a Mercedes van, plus other new machinery and an IT system. Training and marketing has also benefited along with upgrading business accreditations. Mr Wilkinson feels

this will help develop Precision Drilling's capabilities in diamond floor sawing, specialist anchor fixing and selective dust and vibration-free demolition.

The new THMA member, based in Hull with a depot in Leeds, has a £500,000 turnover and employs eight staff, including seven skilled drilling and sawing operatives.

Recent contracts have included drilling work on a liquid gas concrete tank for an oil and gas company, a hospital exterior and renovations and improvements at a local leisure centre.

In nuclear, the company has provided civil and mechanical engineering such as seismic grade drilling for foundations.

"We have a great team here, and I feel privileged to be helping to take Precision Drilling on to the next stage of its development, which will include a big focus on youth and skills," said Mr Wilkinson.

"This is not about a fast buck, but a successful, long-term future for everyone in the business."

Ready for action: from the left, Precision Drilling's Shaun Ledger, Graham Cook, Luke Yeaman and Pete Stevenson.



Exceptional customer service

Jelf Insurance Partnership has achieved the highest rating possible in an independent assessment of its customer service levels.

The Hull business, formerly the Insurance Partnership, was awarded the 3 Star Investors in Customers award rating following an independent survey of their clients.

Rob Worrell (pictured), group managing director, said: "We believe in putting the client at the centre of everything we do."

New oil from Lincol

Lincol Oil, of Stallingborough, has recently launched Sealink, a brand new oil for the marine industry.

The company now offers a full range of marine oils, which are suitable for the latest high-speed engine technology and the most severe offshore conditions.

Mike Harrington, Lincol's managing director, said: "This is a very exciting project especially with the high demand that is evident for the company to supply lubricants in the area."



Flying the orange flag

'This will heighten our presence in Grimsby and let everyone know we're here to stay

RES Offshores distinctive orange flag will soon be flying from its own, purpose built new building after the Team Humber member secured a one-acre site from ABP in the town's former fish docks.

The new single-storey office complex will be close to DONG, Centrica and Siemens and will accommodate up to 20 engineers plus a manager's office and meeting rooms. The building can be extended quickly with the addition of a second storey, and the site allows for storage containers and service areas.

RES will use the base to manage current projects, such as Forewind's

Dogger Bank meteorological masts, as well as existing contracts with the likes of Centrica and SMartWind.

Chris Holden, offshore operations manager, said: "RES has had a presence at Port of Grimsby East for over nine years, but we've never had our own building. During the past two years we have expanded our team to the point where we needed our own office facilities. This will also heighten our presence in Grimsby and let everyone know we're here to stay."

Construction work for the new building should begin later this year with occupancy by early 2014.

PHOTO: GRIMSBY TELEGRAPH



Key players: Chris Holden, front left, with Kevin Francis (front right), regional property manager for ABP, and RES team members, Roger Newman, Adrian White, Gary Maddison and Mike Bean

Emelo the logistical choice

Hull-based supply chain and logistics consultants, Emelo Consulting, has paved the way for a large high-tech storage and distribution facility on behalf of NewCold, a major European logistics provider.

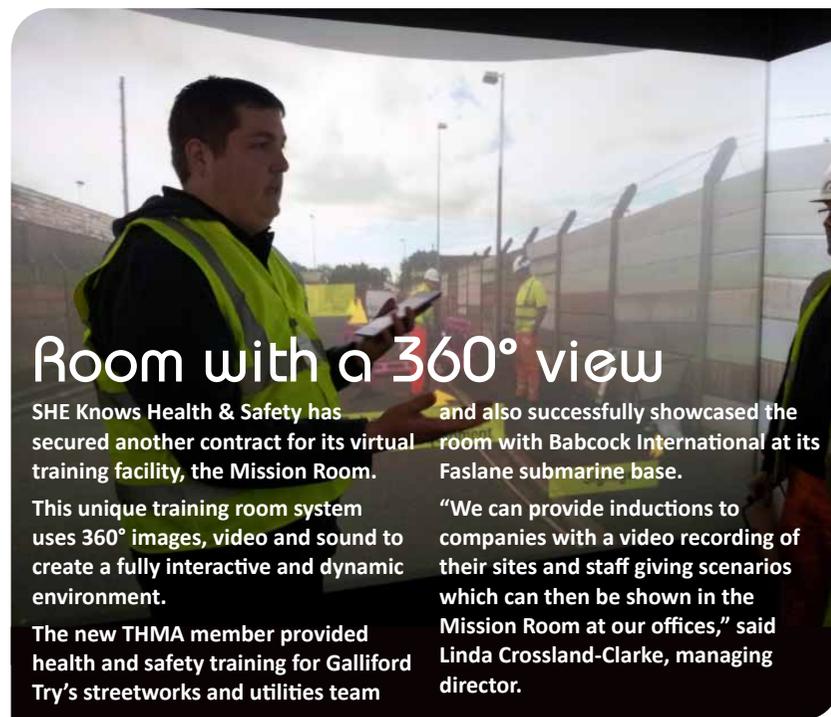
Working closely with the Dutch client on this key strategic addition to its network, Emelo managed the initial identification and acquisition of the site near Wakefield, supporting the client through the planning application process with final approval in September.

Mark Oldridge, Emelo's founder, said: "Having seen the initial project brief develop in size and complexity over the first six months, this facility will



provide long-term supply chain benefit to food manufacturers in Yorkshire and the north of England."

Building work has started and the site is due to be fully operational by the end of next year.



Room with a 360° view

SHE Knows Health & Safety has secured another contract for its virtual training facility, the Mission Room.

This unique training room system uses 360° images, video and sound to create a fully interactive and dynamic environment.

The new THMA member provided health and safety training for Galliford Try's streetworks and utilities team

and also successfully showcased the room with Babcock International at its Faslane submarine base.

"We can provide inductions to companies with a video recording of their sites and staff giving scenarios which can then be shown in the Mission Room at our offices," said Linda Crossland-Clarke, managing director.

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Waldeck at the Waterside

➔ Waldeck has begun civil and structural engineering work on a £9m redevelopment project at Lincoln's Waterside Shopping Centre, which is being remodelled to increase trading space.

Retail units and escalators at the rear of the centre are being repositioned while the arena area will be filled in to create two new double height shop units over the main two trading levels. The phased development will take up to 15 months. Centre managers Capital & Regional appointed Waldeck to work on the project alongside UK2 architects and main contractor Simons Construction.

Waldeck has set up an academy to train young people in building information modelling (BIM) following the launch of the government's Construction 2025 strategy. This requires BIM to be mandatory for all centrally procured government contracts from 2016.

Access more areas

➔ Access platform and lifting specialist Hird is expanding its operator training courses in response to growing customer demand. The Hull-based company now offers International Powered Access Federation training for working at height; Construction Plant Competence Scheme training for operating compact cranes and Road Transport Industry Training Board courses for vacuum lifting. Training is available nationally through Hird's three depots or at customer's premises.



60,000 Volkswagens CHECK!

The GBA Group has won a new contract with Volkswagen Group UK's new rental fleet and company car processing centre at Sheerness.

GBA will process around 60,000 vehicles a year through the purpose built facility near the town's port from early 2014. GBA, which already operates VW's southern import and distribution centre from the Kent port, will provide pre-delivery inspections, technical services, body shop and enhancement services and valeting.

Captain Sam Judah, G managing director of the Grimsby-based company, said: "Winning the contract further demonstrates the recognition

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by Volkswagen Group UK of the good work carried out by all our managers and staff over the past 18 years. We very much look forward to continuing the relationship to ensure a successful future for both our companies."

The new facility will create a number of jobs ranging from senior management roles to skilled and semi-skilled technicians and administration staff. GBA operates three vehicle import facilities on behalf of VW, in Sheerness, Grimsby and Tyne, and has been working with the company since 1995. Last year saw celebrations marking the arrival of the five millionth vehicle.

After winning a global supply chain award last year, GBA Group has now been shortlisted for three more honours: best vehicle processing centre, best road transport operation and, with ABP, best port and terminal operator.

Ekspan takes the Green Apple

➔ Structural engineering company Ekspan has fought off more than 500 nominations from around the globe to win the 2013 Green Apple Environmental Best Practice Award.

This recognised Ekspan's outstanding work on a pipeline in Snowdonia, contributing to sustainable development, protection of the natural environment and innovation in environmental best practice. Between 2006 and 2012, Ekspan repaired 228 pipe supports along a 5km pipeline used to deliver water from Coedyt reservoir to the Dolgarrog hydroelectric plant in the national park.

Challenges for the Ekspan team included working on a remote mountainside above the Conwy valley, encountering 1.5m deep peat bogs and extreme, rapidly changing weather, which meant they could proceed only from March to September. "The terrain was very unusual and we had to contend with a hostile environment and adverse weather at any time," said chief executive Matthew Dronfield.

The award will be presented at a House of Commons ceremony on November 11.

Dunston ISO

➔ Dunston (Ship Repairs) has passed accreditation for ISO14001:2004 environmental management system and OHSAS 18001:2007 occupational health and safety management system, adding to its ISO9001:2008 accreditation.



Photo: Keith Britton

HOTA's site at Albert Dock

UK training first

➔ HOTA has become one of the first training providers in the UK to offer STCW10 maritime refresher training courses. It held its first sessions, including marine survival, firefighting and boat courses, at its Albert Dock and Malmo Road sites in Hull.

The new course is possible following an expansion of HOTA's facilities to include a second fire ground at Malmo Road in preparation for changes to maritime standards.

Currently, certification need only be taken once, but the new standard will require five-year refreshers. An industry wide deadline of January 1, 2017 has been implemented for the requirement of refresher training.

HOTA is also planning to expand into a further unit on Malmo Road.

Barrett showing its metal

➔ Barrett Steel has been recognised as one of the fastest growing companies in international sales by the Sunday Times.

The Bradford-based steel stockholder and THMA member, which has a number of Humber locations, was the highest placed of 19 Yorkshire companies to feature on the HSBC International Track 200 league table.

The chart, compiled by Fast Track, ranks Britain's private companies with the fastest-growing international sales.

The family-owned company operates from 29 depots across Britain and supplies steel to the offshore energy industry, and has grown exports by

198 per cent a year over two years to £27.3m in 2012, placing it at number seven in the national rankings.

The company has also made its second acquisition in Northern Ireland of a stockholding at Maghaberry, near Lisburn, from the Sherling Group.

Barrett Steel Ireland Ltd will offer a wide range of processed options, including shot-blasting and priming, and automatic cutting and drilling to customers' specifications. The site will also house the Irish office of Barrett Steel's tubes division.

Barrett Steel bought Austin Trumanns Ireland, of Newry, in 2012.

Engineering the future

Rapid increase in interest for HETA apprenticeships

It has been a fruitful autumn for Humberside Engineering Training Association recruiting 205 new apprentices across the group.

This includes a record 90 level 3 engineering apprentices for its Hull site, 40 at CATCH Stallingborough and 75 at Tata Steel Scunthorpe.

All HETA apprentices come through a six-step selection process, which includes minimum four GCSEs grade A-C, including Maths, English and Science, plus a wide range of both theory and practical assessments followed by a formal interview. The

total number of applicants for the 2013 cohort was around 1,200.

Some of the companies who have recruited this year include Tata Steel, Phillips 66, Total LOR, BP, Reckitt Benckiser, Smith & Nephew, Yorkshire Water, Perenco, Logan Teleflex and more than 40 others.

In addition to the employed apprentices, HETA has received Regional Growth Fund support for the south bank to take on around 30 unsponsored apprentices and place them within companies over the next 12 months.

There is a similar scheme available for Hull and East Riding companies

through the Green Port Hull funding. HETA has electrical and mechanical apprentices available who are looking for sponsoring companies.

"We have found over the last three years that the number of applicants who want to become an engineering apprentice is rapidly increasing," said James McIntosh, HETA marketing and communications manager.

Add to that the fact that more than 200 local companies are now engaged with HETA means that the apprenticeship scheme is providing an excellent route to industry for school and college leavers.



Career path: mechanical instructor Sarah Smith sets HETA apprentices Luke Richardson and Richard Garland on their way

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Mullion Mk3 just the job

New compact flotation device distributed to 8,000 fisherman nationwide

The first life saved with the new compact Mullion Mk3 life jacket was of a lone fisherman on a lobster boat off Northern Ireland.

The MFV Speedbird sank very quickly and Samuel Cully survived because of his new jacket, which had been personally presented to him by Jane Goodwin, Mullion managing director, a few weeks earlier.

The Mk3 is the newest version of the Mullion Compact 150N CE personal flotation device and has led to the Scunthorpe THMA

member winning a contract with the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations to supply them to their members.

Safety initiatives for fishermen are being launched throughout the UK with about 8,000 of the compact lifejackets being distributed.

While overall, accidents within the industry have reduced over the last 15 years due to better training and equipment, life as

Traditional lifejackets can be cumbersome and perceived as constituting a hazard to safe operations

a fisherman remains one of the most dangerous of professions with falling into the sea still being the main cause of death.

According to the NFFO, traditional life jackets can be cumbersome and perceived as constituting a hazard to safe operations. This means they are often only worn when a ship is being abandoned and don't cover unforeseen accidents.

The project aims to encourage the wearing of personal flotation devices all the time at sea, to combat the threat. They are lightweight, easy to wear and provide protection without impeding movement on deck.

See the skipper interviewed on the link below.

<http://youtube/VC0cTA2-vOg>

Staying alive: Adrian Towey, Mullion Ireland sales manager; Richard Lockhead, Cabinet Secretary in Scottish parliament; Mullion production manager Tony Brown and managing director Jane Goodwin.



Corporate Travel International (CTI)

Now open in new offices in the historic dock area of Hull city centre.

- Corporate and dedicated marine divisions
- Integrated travel management service
- Market-leading travel and hotel booking expertise
- Real savings to businesses operating in UK and globally

CTI was formed following the acquisition of hotel booking experts Hotelscene by the TD Travel Group.

We now have an exceptionally strong and differentiated proposition for the business and marine travel markets and plan to build on this further with the launch of a unique online booking platform in February.

“We have always prided ourselves on the service we offer our corporate clients and now, with CTI Marine, we can do the same for maritime clients. The shipping and maritime industries in the North East now have a world-class travel organisation on their doorstep.” Ian White, CEO

THMA members CTI Marine provide bespoke travel solutions to the shipping, offshore, oil & gas and renewable energy industries.

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New floating hotel added by Wind Power Support

➔ The Galyna (pictured) is the newest floating hotel to be taken under the wing of Wind Power Support.

The 68m vessel, built in Rotterdam for Chevalier Hotels, will be contracted to Siemens and joins the Wind Ambition and Wind Perfection in the Grimsby-based company's fleet.

She can accommodate 55 passengers and crew in en-suite cabins and facilities include a restaurant, hospital and fitness room.





Fuel for thought

➔ Andrew Jackson has been appointed on three arbitration cases for Indian clients.

Dominic Ward, pictured, head of shipping and transport at the law firm, is acting on behalf of two companies who produce coke for the Indian steel industry. The companies bought consignments of Indonesian coal and are in dispute over its quality and whether the seller is in breach of contract. The transactions are subject to English law and the disputes are being dealt with at an arbitration hearing in London.

He is also acting for a client involved in a dispute concerning the construction of a solar power station by a number of Indian companies.

■ **Mark Pearson-Kendall is the new as managing partner of Andrew Jackson after taking over from Rob Penrose who has retired after 10 years in the role.**

Virtual Hull

➔ The University of Hull has secured the first commercial contract for its Highly Immersive Visualisation Environment (Hive), providing virtual training for an unnamed wind turbine manufacturer and developer.

THMA members first choice in water and wind

Contract wins at the double for RSS Marine and Zarafa

RSS Marine has followed the completion of a two-year guard vessel contract on the London Array windfarm with new environmental monitoring contracts both on Humber Gateway wind farm and Yorkshire Water's marine outfall construction in Bridlington Bay.

The Yorkshire Water contract involves analysis of seawater to ensure strict marine management organisation licence conditions are met during outfall construction.

For Humber Gateway the RSS Marine team, based at Hunmanby, North

Yorkshire, has project managed the sampling of herring larvae as part of the site's marine licence. Simon Prince, general manager at RSS Marine, said: "We are building on our traditional business services of vessel chartering and fisheries consultancy with more bespoke environmental and survey work for a range of marine contractors and clients."

The company's vessel Mary Ann 1, which was contracted to London Array Ltd, will work in the German wind sector following a refit.



➔ **Vestas Wind Services has chosen THMA member Zarafa to train technicians to work on its MW1000 suspended access platform for blade inspection and repair.**

The training course took place over two days at Barrow Offshore Wind Farm with technicians completing classroom and practical tests on installing and operating the MW1000 on V90 type wind turbines. Vestas designed and commissioned the MW1000 suspended access platform to provide a convenient and safe working platform for all technicians regardless of their rope access ability.

Vestas first approached Zarafa in 2010 to develop training and work procedures to ensure installation of the MW1000 conformed to UK legislation. Suspended access is a cost effective and safe solution to access problems for a wide range of sectors including construction industry, offshore oil and gas, power generation and shipping.

➔ **Law firm Nabarro hosted the Yorkshire launch in Sheffield of a government initiative urging SMEs to gain the BIM (Business Information Modelling Standard) in order to secure major public sector supply chain contracts.**

Grimsby gets to work

Grimsby is 'well on the way' to creating 1,000 direct new jobs in offshore wind operations and maintenance.

New O&M facilities in the port for Round 2 and future Round 3 projects include Centrica, Dong, E.ON, Vestas and RES Offshore, each bringing with it new and permanent full-time employment opportunities.

"Grimsby is well placed to deliver on O&M supply chain for wind farms, and there continues to be very real, ongoing jobs growth in this sector," said Emma Toulson, renewables manager, Humber Local Enterprise Partnership.

Centrica has created in the order of 130 jobs, E.ON and Vestas 50, RES Offshore 20, to name but a few.

"DONG will likely employ around 50 on the construction side and there will be more in the near future with ongoing O&M over the next 20 years. We are well on the way to meeting 1,000 new jobs as well as the indirect jobs and broader business benefits," added Ms Toulson.

■ **DONG underlined its commitment to Grimsby and the Humber at a recent Windpower magazine O&M conference in London, as Lars Thaaning Pedersen, head of asset management & markets in wind power, said that Grimsby would be the cluster base for its East coast wind farms, including Westermost Rough, Gunfleet Sands and the London Array wind farms.**

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SMS set up in 'vibrant' Belfast

SMS Towage has opened a new operation at Belfast Harbour in response to demand from port users.

The Hull-based company, which started in 2002, has launched the new service following a £5m investment after expanding into the South Wales ports last year, growing into the UK's largest independent harbour towage company.

Two highly-maneuvrable tug boats, the Irishman and Masterman, both capable of handling a full range of vessels, will be manned 24 hours a day in Belfast.

SMS Towage managing director Patrick Lyon said that Belfast was a strategic location. "It is a vibrant port that will be home to a purpose built cruise terminal, a new offshore wind terminal and had a record year in 2012," he said. "We believe there is great potential for growth in the new business that will result in local jobs."



Point to power



Point Engineering Group has launched a new electrical division, providing installation and contracting for industrial and marine clients.

The company has taken on four new staff in the venture, focused on the modular building sector, and hopes to employ more as the division becomes established.

Steve Norton, Point Engineering Group managing director, said: "While we have always employed engineers with electrical qualifications, the new division represents an investment and a commitment to providing a full service which is what our customers want."

Two trainers become one

→ Directors of Cityworks Training have purchased another Hull based learning provider, Prospect Training, also adopting its name for the enlarged group.

Noel Johnson, director of Prospect Training, said: "Merging these two organisations will help us meet existing and future demand, ensuring that we are flexible and responsive to the needs of local people and employers."

"We are bringing together the two business operations under the brand of Prospect Training to ensure that all our customers can quickly benefit from the enhanced services and capacity this will create."

The combined business now covers a wide range of occupational sectors, including engineering, business administration, health and social care, plus hair and beauty which had been a Prospect Training specialty for more than 25 years.

Mines Rescue Service

Core skills are the pillars on which Mines Rescue Service Ltd has built its reputation.

In a changing world MRSL is at the forefront of developing new training and assessment solutions to meet the needs of industry, specialising in confined spaces.

Whether its renewables, marine or the industrial sector we are looking ahead to ensure we are capable of fulfilling the needs and demands of our existing and future clients.

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The Kellingley training centre covers the whole of the Humberside, Lancashire and Yorkshire regions dealing with many well known blue chip companies. Whether you are a multinational or a small to medium sized concern we are here to provide you with the best possible service.

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Old-fashioned crates take the biscuits

➔ Crating Solutions has the competition eating out of its hand after a tasty new contract for Fox's Biscuits.

The Hull firm recently manufactured 50 crates for the biscuit maker for its 160th anniversary celebration next year.

The old-style crates contained a selection of Fox's products for clients, such as Coca-Cola, fashion houses and celebrities.

Crating Solutions was also asked to pack a new coffee cart destined for the US. The crate was built and the vehicle packed within three hours, leaving a customer happy with the work, quality and price.

Energy from waste

➔ Blackrow Engineering has completed installation of an energy-from-waste plant for Emerald Biogas in Durham. The anaerobic digester is now generating enough to power 2,000 homes.

Dangerous, challenging and inspirational

Atlantic crossing worthy of your support

Team Humber member Carlbom Shipping is urging support for two 21-year-olds in a challenge across 3,000 miles of ocean.

Luke Birch, from Lincolnshire, and his friend, Jamie Sparks, expect to be 50



days at sea in their 24ft rowing boat in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge from La Gomera, Canary Islands, to Antigua, which begins on December 2. If successful, they believe they will be the youngest pair to cross the Atlantic in this way. They will live on dehydrated food made up with seawater, desalinated using solar power.

Camilla Carlbom, chairman Carlbom Shipping Ltd, said: "Those involved in the marine environment will appreciate what these boys are trying to achieve, something very dangerous and immensely challenging. It is inspirational and should make anyone connected to the marine industry stop and think." Luke and Jamie are aiming to raise £100,000 for Breast Cancer Care.

Beverley firm's beacons adopted by ABP

A new personal locator device from Beverley company Marine Rescue Technologies has been adopted by ABP for all of its 21 ports.

Phil Cowing, ABP's, harbour master for the Humber, said the choice of the sMRT AU10 followed research of UK and international markets and rigorous testing. "Their ability to work closely with our pilot coat manufacturer, Sea Safe Systems Ltd, was also an important factor," he said.

The device is the first of three new beacons to be launched globally, as new international standards begin to bring uniformity to a previously unregulated market. The sMRTAU10 is the first beacon of its type to incorporate both 121.5 alerting technology and AIS tracking.



Dingle drop in

➔ Hull's port is taking centre stage in one of TV soap Emmerdale's main plot lines. Staff at THMA member P&O have had a sneak preview of some dramatic action featuring among others Jeff Hordley (pictured), who plays Cain Dingle.

Seven scenes were filmed during the two days in and around the terminal building, involving nine regular cast members, 27 extras and 34 technical crew. In between scenes the cast chatted to staff and signed autographs and a banner which will be raffled for charity. The episode is due to air on Thursday, November 14.

Events diary

November 5-7 Renewable UK 2013 NEC Birmingham

Team Humber will be exhibiting with Humber Renewables on stand at this 35th annual conference and exhibition.

www.renewableuk.com

November 19-21 EWEA offshore conference and exhibition Frankfurt

www.ewea.org/offshore2013

November 29

Free training session on renewable energy projects, risk in supply chains and dispute resolution at World Trade Centre Hull & Humber with Nabarro LLP.

Contact Olivia Saunders:
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December 10

Christmas dinner at Hitchcocks, Hull Old Town (£15).
Bring your own wine!

December 17

Mid-winter networking and drinks, World Trade Centre Hull and Humber.

For more information on any of the above events, contact Mary Green on 01482 485271
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