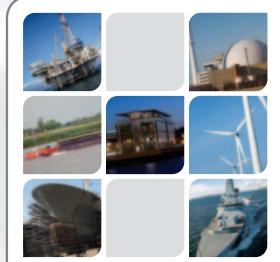




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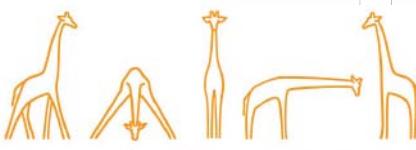
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With an ever-increasing membership of over 160 companies, our strength in numbers collaborative approach continues to bear dividends across the traditional marine engineering, ports and shipbuilding and burgeoning energy sectors.

A look inside this issue of THMAil shows members' breadth of skills and expertise, whether it's Dalby Offshore helping to salvage the Costa Concordia or Seahorse Marine building fast passenger ferries for Ghana.

'Second to none' can be a truism, but one only has to look at the glowing reference given to MMS Ship Repair for their work on the Fairfield New Venture to realise members' outstanding, professional standards.

In May the Alliance exhibited at All-Energy in Aberdeen with Atric, Barrett Steel, Best Service, HETA and Point Engineering, whilst, almost simultaneously, at Seawork in Southampton with Andrew Jackson, Holderness Shippers, Myton Law and Teal & Mackrill.

June saw our successful trade mission to Brazil, which highlighted opportunities in the marine sector emanating from huge investment in offshore oil and gas. Several delegates plan a return visit to continue negotiations with prospective clients.

We've also supported members at a long list of events including September's successful ReXpo in Sheffield, and October's equally beneficial North Sea Offshore Wind.

But to my mind it was June's Global Offshore Wind in London that stood out. It was where, for the first time, the Humber region really got together on green energy with the launch of the Humber Renewables brand.

Alongside the region's local authorities, the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership and other organisations, this united front is in evidence

once again at this month's Renewable UK 2012 in Glasgow where eight members will be exhibiting, and the Humber quite literally puts its stall out.

Despite the positives, there is still much work to be done with a fair level of uncertainty about the larger economy and some sectors. That's why we continue to lobby hard regionally and nationally alongside Humber Renewables. This includes involvement with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Yorkshire and North Lincs.

In particular, we are aware of the need to stimulate the economy in the Humber with larger manufacturing type projects, which will then feed back down the supply chain. More RGF funding recently coming through can only help.

We are also pushing the cause through THMA's own manufacturing group, and we'll be meeting up in Grimsby in November with UKTI Berlin, Areva Wind GmbH & Hochtief AG to look at offshore wind openings in Northern Germany.

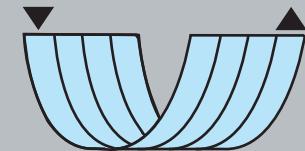
After THMA's AGM on November 27, there is the follow-up to last year's dinner and dance with a race night and dinner at Beverley Rugby Club on the 29th.

Everyone is very welcome, and Mary and I look forward to seeing you there.



Mark O'Reilly

Director, Team Humber Marine Alliance



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Huttons supply the Dutch touch

→ Hutton's proved why it is one of the country's leading chandlers, as the official supplier to the Dutch on the clipper Stad Amsterdam at the London Olympics.

The 76m square-rigger docked alongside West India Quay as the base for guests of the Dutch Olympic Committee, the City of Amsterdam, and Dutch companies including Aegon and Randstad Netherlands.

Lunches, teas and dinners were prepared by its resident chefs and 30-strong international crew, who hosted up to three receptions a day.

Hutton's sourced top-quality fresh food as well as specialist chocolates, flowers and Dutch foods and celebratory items such as Dutch-flagged cocktail sticks and Heineken glasses.

Jon Hickey, Hutton's sales manager, said: "This was a lovely and unique vessel to supply and it was great to be able to play a part in helping our Dutch visitors enjoy these fantastic Olympic Games."



Cleaning out the dry dock

→ Two vessels belonging to the specialist dredging team of Killingholme-based Humber Work Boats were hard at work this summer clearing the old Central Dry Dock in Hull.

The clearance work, to allow a survey take place, involved pumping water into the dock, agitating the silt and pumping the liquefied material back into the River Hull. The lock gates have been sealed and dock walls cleaned.

Neighbouring Wykeland Group's Watergate Developments owns the Humber Street dock and has long-term plans to redevelop the site. One possible redevelopment use is as a sister attraction to The Deep.

■ Humber Work Boats won the international trade award and the Forrester Boyd award for business excellence at the 2012 Northern Lincolnshire Business Awards.

Hull firm puts steel into Orbit

Steelridge aims high with Olympic viewing platform

When visitors to the Olympics looked out over London from Anish Kapoor's landmark ArcelorMittal Orbit observation tower, they did so partly down to the skill and enterprise of Steelridge.

The Hull company supplied the steel viewing platform, the staircase and the 80m lift shaft to the 115m-high sculpture commissioned for London Olympics 2012.

It also provided steel sections for the towers supporting the London Cable Car over the Thames between the O2 Arena and Greenwich.

Jim Hopkinson, Steelridge's managing director, said these are just two of many new contracts for the company, which employs 75 staff, including 10 engineers, at its 60,000 sq ft site.

"We have also had a number of successes in the defence sector and have been working closely with British Aerospace on its new Terrier armoured engineering vehicle and with Pearson on bomb disposal equipment for Iraq and Afghanistan."

Steelridge manufactures for structural steel and defence industries, as well as general fabrications. In the offshore market it is a specialist in shore fabrications and launch and recovery diving bell systems.



Rix move is green for go

→ Rix Shipping has relocated its existing business from Alexandra Dock to King George Dock, as ABP prepares for the development of Green Port Hull in the months ahead.

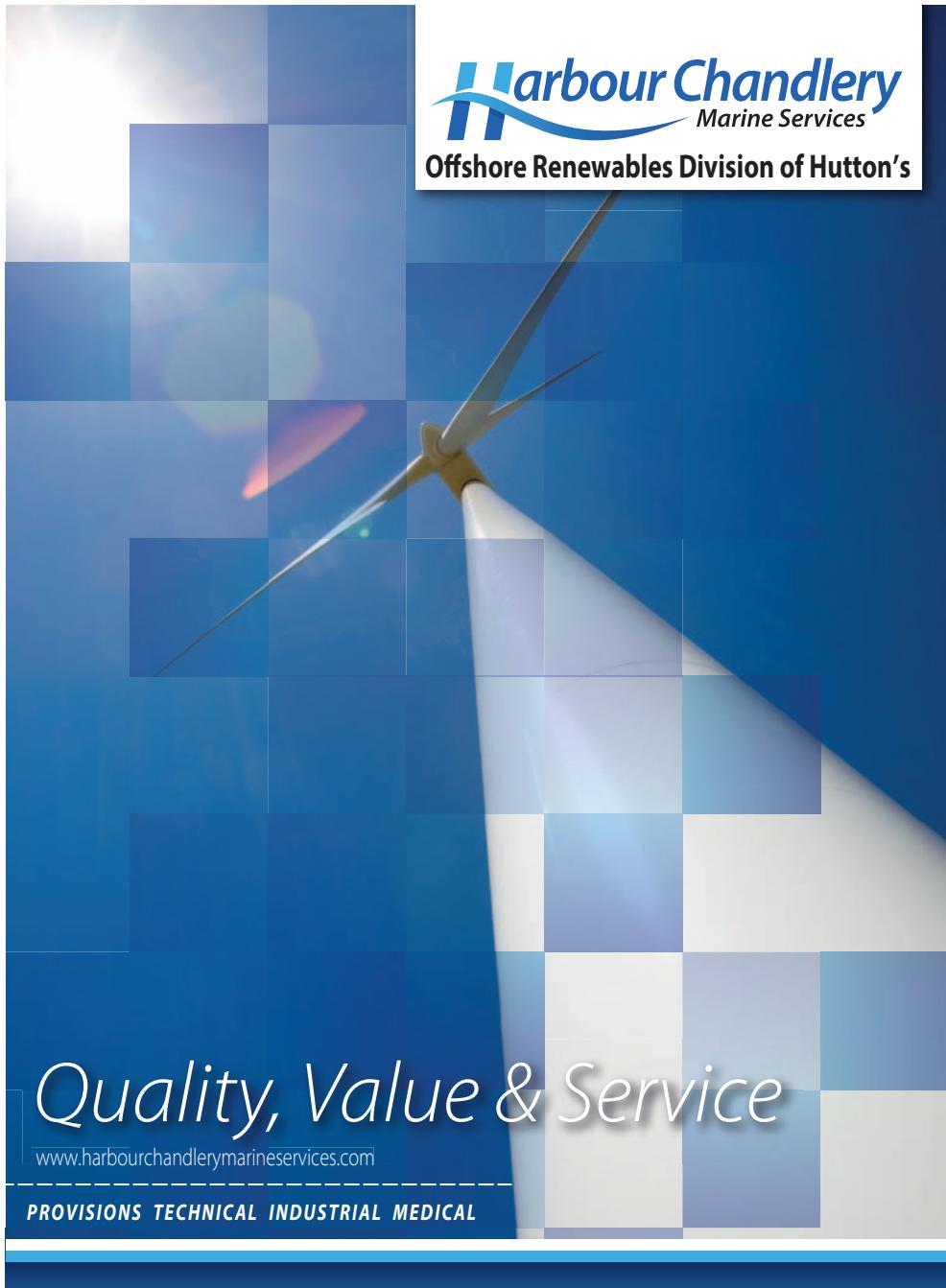
Three portal cranes have been relocated as part of the agreement to increase capacity and open up a further common user berth at King George Dock.

The company will continue to use the Port of Hull for its timber imports.

Matt Jukes, ABP port director Hull & Goole, said: "Rix Shipping's move to King George Dock has cleared an area of land strategically important for the development of Green Port Hull, and demonstrates ABP's commitment to this project and our focus on delivering it to the demanding timetable required."

Tim Rix, director of Rix Shipping, said: "This will allow us greater flexibility in our day-to-day operations. ABP has been extremely helpful and flexible in assisting Rix with this move which now allows us to discharge cargo closer to land owned by the J.R. Rix & Sons group. There will be no disruption to our customers during the move or at any point in the future."

● Earlier this year, the port added a new £1.7m Liebherr LHM 180 mobile harbour crane for dry bulk handling in King George and Queen Elizabeth Docks.



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Offshore potential prompts Barrett Steel's launch

'We are hugely excited about the prospects for the business'

Barrett Steel Group has launched Barrett Offshore Tubes as it ramps up its interest in the offshore oil, gas and renewable energy markets.

The creation of the new business reflects increased demand, and follows an internal review and the findings of the recent Crown Estate report into the prospects for offshore. The company's service centre in Scunthorpe will be used for the storage and distribution of hot formed and seamless material for offshore fabricators. The centre already houses a tube laser-profiling machine and will offer processing and cutting services.

"The Crown Estate's report advocates a significant reduction

in the cost of producing electricity from £140/MWh to £100/MWh by 2020," said Robert Kirby, commercial manager of Barrett Offshore Tubes. "The extent to which these cost reductions are realised by the supply chain and,



Committed funding: James Barrett

ultimately, the customer depend on how quickly supply chain partners respond and react. We have the flexibility to deal with projects at their prototyping stage and during volume production."

The September launch follows an agreement, earlier in the year, for a £90m funding package with HSBC to support Barrett Steel Group's expansion plans. Managing director James Barrett said: "We are hugely excited about the prospects for the business in the coming years."

The group further expanded its operations in May with the acquisition of Austin Trumanns and Parson & Crosland from Murray Group. Both businesses join Barrett's General Steels division.

GSA tees up contracts

GSA, the Fabricom subsidiary of multi-disciplined consultant engineers, has opened a new engineering office in Stokesley, North Yorkshire.

Twelve engineering jobs have been created with further opportunities in the near future, said Mike Smith, GSA's managing director. "We have already secured new contracts from five new clients in the region. Our plan is to build on this success and employ more engineers in line with our expansion."

The expansion at GSA, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, complements Fabricom GDF Suez's operational centres at Immingham and Brigg.

Star turn at GBA's anniversary

Grimsby-based GBA Group has celebrated its 25th anniversary by raising more than £10,000 for its charity of the year, 'When You Wish Upon a Star'.

The company has not only raised its target amount to enable 25 seriously ill children, one for each year, to go to Lapland in December, but will carry on the fundraising through the rest of the year.

Raising the Concordia...



THMA member playing major role in huge salvage operation on stricken liner

Dalby Offshore is playing a leading, pivotal role in one of the world's largest marine salvage operations involving the Costa Concordia Italian cruise ship.

The Beverley-based Team Humber member has won a multi-million dollar contract as part of an international team assisting the main salvor Titan-Micoperi to raise and salvage the 114,500-tonne vessel that sank in January and remains partially submerged 300m off the coast of the island of Giglio which is in a national park and an environmentally sensitive area, north of Rome.

The \$500m salvage operation is not only good for Dalby Offshore, it is good for the Humber region, says managing director Capt. Stuart McNiven. "This is the biggest contract we have ever won. It has been a very competitive tender process; however it comes down to having the right assets and expertise to do the job. It is great a company from our area has the skills and expertise to work on such a project."

'This is the biggest contract we have ever won. It has been a very competitive tender process'

Specialist teams from Dalby Offshore are already at work, with more than 80 people expected to be employed on the operation. The centrepiece of the project is ASV Pioneer, a large accommodation barge that is being operated and managed by Dalby and which has been used most recently as a wind farm support vessel.

The Pioneer will have an on-board grout-manufacturing plant and produce and carry 30,000 tonnes of grout to be placed under the Costa Concordia. Dalby will work with UK-based partners Found

Ocean Ltd as well as Titan-Micoperi to stabilise the hull and prepare the seabed for lifting the entire ship upright.

"This is a feat never tried before in marine salvage," said Mr McNiven. The operation will also require the construction of a sub-sea platform and the welding of caissons to the exposed side of the ship, which will be filled with water. Two cranes installed on the sub-sea platform will pull the vessel upright and the caissons emptied to create 60,000 tonnes of buoyancy, enabling the vessel to be towed off.

Dalby Offshore will also develop a marine supply chain to bring in cement from the mainland and utilise one of its own fleet of five £2m high-spec crew transfer vessels to carry workers from Giglio to the mainland.

One major sensitivity around the project includes the 32 people who died in the disaster.

BWD strengthens team

Blue Water Danbit Shipping, the renewables-focused Humber logistics business, has strengthened its management team with two senior appointments. Its new business development manager is Rob Ballance, a mechanical engineer with an international logistics background,

who will look after the sector's logistics needs. Thomas Bryan joins as operations manager and will manage imported wind turbine projects and ensure efficient cargo operations.

Blue Water Danbit was set up last year by Goole-based Danbit Shipping and the Danish firm Blue Water Shipping.

Malaysian acquisition

North Sea Ventilation has been bought out of administration by Terton Ltd, owned by Dynac UK, which is part of the Malaysian group, Dynac.

NSV, a Hull-based THMA member, was part of the Australian-headquartered Hastie Holdings, which was hit by insolvency in May.

NSV supplies heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigeration equipment to companies operating in hazardous environments, and has been bought as a going concern in a deal that has saved the jobs of all 80 employees.

Legal clarification for UK waters

Team Humber members are working in tandem on a ground-breaking research project to clarify legislation governing the use of UK coastal waters.

The University of Hull's business facing renewable energy and low carbon organisation, CASS, and Myton Law will produce the research to help provide a clearer legal framework for managing possible conflicts arising out of the development and operation of offshore energy installations.

This will help inform the fishing industry, renewable energy companies, offshore industry suppliers, ports operators, shipping companies, environmental and marine, among others.

Cumulative impacts of OSW farms: Resolving Conflicts of Use in Coastal Waters will be produced in conjunction with the University of Hull's Law School, the Centre for Environmental and Marine Sciences, the Institute for Estuarine and Coastal Studies, and the Maritime Historical Studies Centre.



Clearer framework: Professor Richard Barnes and Nikki Christie of the University of Hull with Myton Law's Scott Yates, right

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Two good at Andrew Jackson

Two high profile marine court cases have brought success for the clients of the shipping and transport department of Andrew Jackson.

The Hull law firm is currently involved in an unusual, \$70m crude oil case, which has seen the department issue successful proceedings for its client, the owners of the vessel Ratna Shradha, in the High Court in London against four defendants, including the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan.

The THMA member has also won almost \$2m, for demurrage and other sums, in the Commercial Court in London on behalf of its ship-owning client, Great Elephant Corporation. This was against Trafigura Beheer BV, which had chartered its vessel, the Crudesky.

"These two cases demonstrate the quality of international work which we are able to bring to Hull," said Dominic Ward, head of the shipping and transport.

Alan Dalton

Alan Dalton, the founder and chairman of the GBA Group, sadly passed away on July 19.

The funeral for the 87-year-old, who



had been ill for quite some time, was held on July 26 on Springbank, Hull, at the St Stephen's Church where he and his widow Evelyn were married.



Where there's smoke

Radioactive isotopes, fires and a tragic death...

It's all in a day's job to McAusland Turner, but to the man in the street the company's activities sound more like something out of a plot from a James Bond film.

Hot off the heels of opening new offices in Moscow and St Petersburg, the Hull-based THMA member is investigating a dangerous fire on the container ship the Amsterdam Bridge, at Mumbai, India, pictured.

"The vessel caught fire with a cargo of about 1,300 containers, including some containing hazardous waste, that are now fire, smoke and water damaged," said Albert Weatherill, managing director.

McAusland Turner is working through lawyers for one of the parties involved on what could be lengthy investigations.

"This will run for months and potentially years, because of the hazardous chemicals involved; for example, water used to put out the fire may be contaminated and it can't just be pumped out into the sea," said Mr Weatherill.

Also in the Far East, the company has carried out a full inspection of an LNG carrier in Singapore for Russian clients.

"This was a full survey of a complex vessel to ensure that it was up to spec for insurance for our Russian clients, and has come about because of our contacts in the Russian insurance market," he added.

The company's expertise in the examination of cargoes for the absence

of radioactive isotopes has helped it to land a new contract in Greece to monitor bulk loads of ash waste and other material from steel manufacturing, before valuable metals are extracted and the waster is turned into bricks.

Closer to home, the marine surveyors and consultants have been called on to investigate the death of a 35-year-old Chinese seaman who died when the 92,000-tonne cargo vessel, Wah Shan, was docking at Immingham.

The firm is working for the ship's owner, instructed through its insurance company, on the technical investigation, and in close cooperation with another THMA member, Myton Law, on the legal side.

Tata shows its track record with French rail deal

Tata Steel is to supply 50,000-tonnes of steel rail to France from its Scunthorpe plant.

A £40m order for the new 113-mile, high-speed Brittany-Loire valley line, connecting Le Mans and Rennes has been agreed with Eiffage Rail.

The steel will be manufactured in Scunthorpe before being rolled into rail at Tata Steel's mill in Hayange, north-east France, where the company has invested to produce longer

and more wear-resistant rails.

When completed in 2016, the new line will be an extension of an existing high-speed link and reduce travel times between Paris and Rennes by 37 minutes.

Tata Steel's exports successes were noted at the Yorkshire International Trade Awards 2012, where it won the prize for Growth via International Trade.

Celebrate 25th anniversary in high style

Hota, the onshore and offshore training provider, is to hold a charity Dunk Day on November 8 to raise funds for two local charities: Dove House Hospice and Hornsea Rescue, supported by HEY Smile Foundation.

"We would like to make this year's Dunk Day HOTA's biggest and best, so if you want to take on the challenge, just get in touch," said general manager Linda Ellis, who retires this year after 25 years.

There will be further celebrations at a commemorative dinner early next year.

HOTA has already sponsored the award for social enterprise of the year at the Chamber Bridlington and Yorkshire Coast Business Awards, and the Humberside Fire and Rescue Community Awards.

HOTA was established in 1987 as a limited company with charity status, ploughing back surplus funds into enhancing facilities at its Malmö Road and Albert Dock sites in Hull.

Most recently a new one-day training course has been introduced

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MMS service 'second to none' says US firm

'The quality of work was phenomenal, in particular their welding and fabrication skills'

MMS Ship Repair's completion of a major survey, refit and upgrade of the US-registered seismic survey vessel, **Fairfield New Venture**, has left its American owners singing the firm's praises.

The vessel was in dry dock at MMS for extensive repairs and refurbishment, including a complete overhaul of the main generator and compressor engines. New ballast lines were installed throughout the vessel, modifications were carried out to the exhaust pipe work system, and there was a full upgrade of the whole accommodation area including galley and mess room. The vessel was also shot-blasted and recoated from keel to mast.

For Erich Willenberg, vessel maintenance supervisor at



Overhaul: Fairfield New Venture

Fairfieldnodal, this was the company's first docking outside the US. He wasn't disappointed.

"Working with MMS during our docking was the single best shipyard experience I have had in my 20 years of commercial marine experience. We conducted a very extensive ABS five-year special

survey and the yard was able to handle every request we had whether it was engine work, welding, rudder issues, painting, accommodation upgrades or any other vessel related item.

"The quality of work was phenomenal in particular their welding and fabrication skills , which are second to none. It was truly impressive how good the welds were in every application. MMS is an exceptional shipyard and it was a pleasure to have my vessel docked at their facility."

Working alongside MMS was fellow THMA member, Survitec, who inspected and load-tested the ship's lifting gear as well as replacing sub-standard items to make it compliant with UK lifting operations and lifting equipment regulations.

Slovenia bound

→ Survitec has won a tender to supply three 3.9m rigid inflatable boats to the Slovenian Ministry of Defence, specifically for disaster relief services.



The company's specially equipped DSB branded boats are built around an aluminium hull with a built-in buoyancy chamber. The Slovenian government requested a special package including throwing lines, lifebuoys and a MOB recovery system.

It won the contract in partnership with local distributor AB-Line in Ljubljana.

Following Survitec's acquisition earlier this year of what was Cosalt Marine, its Grimsby base is focused on commercial shipping, industrial lifting and fishing markets, and the rapidly expanding wind energy sector.

New offshore vessels

A strategic link-up between Rix Shipping and Dunstons is bearing fruit with the construction of three, £1.4m to £1.7m aluminium offshore vessels at the shipyard in Paull.

Dunstons have created a new company Dunston (Shipbuilders) Ltd to undertake the building of new aluminium vessels.

Dunston (Shipbuilders) Ltd have signed a long-term lease with J R Rix and Sons for the Shipyard in Paull.

Richard Bourne, joint owner and managing director of Dunston (Shipbuilders) Ltd, said: "The ship yard is ideal for building these 20m boats. It has got a good construction shed, dry dock and slipway to carry out repairs, but as the business grows there is also scope to expand to enable us to build larger vessels or even two at a time."

Work is already progressing, with each new boat expected to take from four to six months to construct.

The tie up confirms Rix exit from shipbuilding and follows the construction and launch, earlier this summer, of the £6m steel marine bunkering vessel, Lerrix.

At 53m in length, and weighing 1,254 tonnes, this is the largest vessel the yard has ever produced. It is being used by Rix to refuel larger ships along the Humber estuary and the east coast.

MTL wins armour plated contracts

'The customer liked the idea we wouldn't just weld the product'

MTL Group is blazing a trail with a host of new contracts, increased exports and awards success.

The THMA member has been awarded a contract to supply fabricated armoured hulls to Osprea Logistics for its Mamba vehicle.

The armoured vehicles, which are intended for use in peacekeeping operations in South Africa, will be manufactured at MTL's Rotherham HQ before being shipped to the customer for final assembly.



"The customer liked the idea that we wouldn't just weld the product, but support and provide a design for manufacture review that would enhance it," said Simon Hurst, sales manager for defence.

The group has also won 'significant orders' for its IMPAS add-on armour system, which will be supplied in kit form to another unnamed customer to fit directly on to its vehicles. IMPAS is a perforated armour system produced in various formats, which are designed to withstand multiple hits.

"We had to design and produce the kits in a very short period of time to a tight weight and cost budget to satisfy an urgent requirement," explained Simon.

The new contracts come as MTL Group announced exports doubled to £7.3m for 2011-12 and scooped two top prizes at Insider's Yorkshire Growth 100 Awards 2012, the overall gold medal, and the innovation award.



Sporting eye-catching luminous MTL Group branded tops, 15 of its employees raised more than £1,500 for Rotherham Hospice this summer. Competing as part of a competitive 200-strong field in the Brinsworth 10km charity run, every employee finished the race in less than 60 minutes. Their generosity will help the hospice in its care provision for people in Rotherham affected by a terminal illness.

Towne Lifting and Testing eyes up Libyan return

Towne Lifting and Testing has completed lift-testing work on a number off offshore oil rigs in the Mediterranean Sea, 70km north of Tripoli.

Three chargehands were contracted for a month on the jointly owned Italian-Libyan rigs, travelling via Malta.

The company is considering re-entering the Libyan market following the overthrow of Colonel Gadaffi, says director Tom Towne. "We had looked at it before, but thank goodness we held back. We're not sure about Tripoli yet, but there is a very strong chance we will be going in to Libya."

'Arise, Sir Kurt'

The consular, cultural and business founder Kurt Christensen has been rewarded with a first-class knighthood from Denmark.

Kurt, who came to the UK as a three-year-old son of a trawler skipper and has lived in Grimsby since he was seven, was knighted at the Danish Embassy in London by the Ambassador to Britain, Anne Hedensted Steffensen, on behalf of Queen Margrethe II.

"You have in particular been active in helping Danish companies in the British market in the renewable energy sector, primarily wind power, which is a Danish core competence," said the ambassador.

Centrica opens up in Grimsby

Centrica Energy has officially opened its operations and maintenance building at Port of Grimsby East.

The £3m two-storey control centre, workshop, stores and crew facilities, will be used to oversee Centrica's activities on the Lynn and Inner Dowsing and Lincs wind farms.

More than 20 boats are already operating out of Port of Grimsby East, with E.ON due to join Centrica on the land, which has enterprise zone status.

HETA-trained apprentice Sam Lyon, who was recruited this summer by Centrica to work at their new base, was a guest at the opening. Alliance member HETA continues to work with a wide range of renewable energy businesses in the Humber region.



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Swedish take stake in ALS

'By combining our skills and resources we will open up further opportunities'

The Swedish international freight business Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics has taken a 60 per cent stake in Abnormal Load Services as the companies look for synergies in the 'out of gauge' freight market.

The move will make WWL ALS a more integrated global transport and distribution business for high and heavy wheeled/tracked equipment, including the agricultural and construction sectors.

ALS specialises in the niche market of global out of gauge supply chain solutions while WWL is focused on global shipping and logistics solutions for the manufacturers of cars, trucks, heavy equipment and specialised cargo.

René Van De Vin, the chief executive of ALS, said: "This opportunity makes perfect sense as both companies serve a

global client base. By combining our skills and resources we will open up further opportunities for WWL's and ALS's customers, prospective clients, suppliers and employees."

The group, which has 4,500 WWL and 100 ALS employees, will maintain a presence in the Humber region at ALS's offices in Hull.

René Van De Vin

Investment in infrastructure vital

The chairman of Waldeck Engineering has called on the government to invest more money in the country's infrastructure.

Speaking on BBC News 24 Paul Waldeck said: "The government needs to spend more money improving the existing drains, flood defences, flood resilience roads and railways to make the UK fit for the 21st century.

"Every £1 spent on infrastructure yields £7 in gross domestic product and with the construction industry floundering in the current climate spending more money on improving infrastructure would be a tremendous boost to the industry." He also welcomed changes to UK planning policy, which prevent developers from building on flood plains.

Unique rig

 HETA's new process training rig in Hull was due to be formally opened by Lord Haskins of Skidby at the end of October.

The unique training facility permits courses in a live plant environment, including supervisory control data acquisition, PLC and instrument training.

The outdoor area of the rig can cater for plant maintenance and mechanical training plus safe isolations and joint integrity.

Dunstons turns ferry into survey ship

→ After being with Dunston (Ship Repairs) for the last three years what was the Tokai ro-ro ferry is now enjoying life as the new state-of-the-art survey ship, Ocean Reliance.

The Gardline-owned vessel, which completed sea trials this summer, after being transformed at the Dunstons yard in Hull.

Accommodation for 48 people has been added, and a new auxiliary engine room installed with five generators able to produce up 3MW of power.

The engine room has been fully overhauled with two new harbour set generators and one emergency generator installed, and the main engines reconditioned.

The vessel has also been rewired throughout, with c100km of cable, all of its pipework renewed, 550 tonnes of new steel plate fitted, and 25,000 litres of paint applied.

"The ship is a marvellous advert for the capabilities and different skill levels of the people of Hull and shows we have a very good skills base here," said operations and technical director, Dave Clark.

"At least 200 people have worked on the contract at some point and the majority have been local."

Experts on hand to float mayor's boat

Two THMA members respond to call for help

Team Humber members are to throw their collective weight behind the rebuilding of a boat to celebrate the centenary of the Lord Mayor of Hull and Hull Sea Cadets.

Hull Training, as part of Hull City Council's Children and Young Peoples Services, wants to celebrate the 2014 centenary by finishing an eight-metre long day commemorative boat.

Following Hull Training's appeal for help, the Humber Legacy project is being supported by two other THMA members: Dunston (Ship Repairs) and Point Engineering, who are both sponsoring and training the learners.

Cheryl Sedgwick, workplace development team leader at Hull Training, said: "The

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Twenty sponsored apprentices are to work on the project over the coming two years as they develop a range of skills including fabrication and welding, shipwright joinery, hydraulic marine engineering and painting.

Designed by Bruce Roberts-Goodson, the barge is currently in storage with a completed hull in need of cosmetic work and requiring internal strengthening. The superstructure has been started in steel, but could be altered to wood.

When completed, the vessel is expected to be used by Hull Sea Cadets as a training vessel and as an honorary vessel for the Lord Mayor, who carries the dual title of the Admiral of the Humber and greets major vessels docking in the city.



Cadet vessel: on the drawing board



Ferry good contract: Tony Tait, right, with Alfred Mahama, brother of Ghana's president

Building on \$2m Ghana contract

→ Seahorse Marine is close to completing three, 13m bespoke passenger vessels for the Ministry of Transport in Ghana in a \$2m contract.

Capable of carrying up to 50 passengers, the high density polyethylene vessels are destined for the use on the world's largest reservoir, Lake Volta.

Tony Tait, managing director, said: "Here at Seahorse Marine, we start from scratch with every vessel. Everything we make is bespoke and everything is designed around the client's needs."

"We are actively exploring opportunities for more orders with other Governments in West Africa."

Onshore power pilot to cut carbon

→ DFDS Seaways has started a pilot project to introduce onshore power facilities to supply vessels while in port.

Six DFDS freight vessels are to be refitted to receive power from the terminals, providing reductions in vessel emission and noise. While in port, ships normally supply their own power from on-board auxiliary engines. The project in Immingham, Gothenburg and Ghent will be completed by 2014.

This comes as the company has begun working with the Carbon Trust and the specialist contractor Environ to reduce the environmental impact of its port operations.

New members add strength

A big, Team Humber Marine Alliance welcome to nearly 20 new members who have joined during the last few months.

They are: Acetech Construction, R K Atkinson, CASS at the University of Hull, Cityworks Training, Crownship Developments, C-Tek (Caratek), Direct Gaskets, Dunston (Ship Repairs), Dutton Moore, Fowler & Holden, Goole High School, Green Marine Solutions, Humberside Reclamation, Jotun Paints, Lockwood Shipping, RES Group, Rollits and Seahorse Marine.

"With expertise across a number of sectors including marine, shipbuilding, offshore wind, R&D, professional services, skills and training, they each add strength and breadth to Team Humber's collaborative offering," said Mark O'Reilly, THMA director. "In the months and years ahead, we look forward to assisting them with their own and joint projects, some of which are featured in the pages of this issue of THMAIL."

With green energy skills high up the agenda, the **University of Hull's Centre for Adaptive Science and Sustainability** is helping to develop the region as a leader in the environmental and renewables sectors. CASS's ongoing research and development programme covers a range of energy and renewable energy related areas including offshore wind, tidal power and sustainable development.

RES Group is one of the world's leading renewable energy developers. As part of The First Flight Wind consortium it was recently chosen to develop a wind farm off the south east coast of County Down, Northern Ireland. RES has a heavy focus on skills, as does **Crownship Developments** of Brigg, which works with individuals, businesses and agencies to provide training, assessment and qualifications.

For another south bank company, **Fowler & Holden**, the emphasis is on manufacturing skills. From its Grimsby site, it runs a fully equipped ferrous

and non-ferrous foundry, pattern shop, fabrication and assembly divisions.

Lockwood Shipping's marine background goes back 25 years with the provision of agency services to vessels on the Humber, including offshore oil and gas supply and support vessels, arranging everything from crew transfers to bunkering, ships' stores and repairs.

Flixborough-based **Jotun Paints (Europe)** is a leading global manufacturer of

marine coatings, supplying protective, offshore and powder coatings.

Also joining the Alliance is **Dutton Moore**, one of Yorkshire's largest accountancy firms. It recently put down even stronger local roots with the purchase of its first owned head office, on Lowgate in Hull's Old Town. The move brings all Dutton Moore's staff into one office, offering audit, business advice, payroll, accountancy and IT solutions.



P&O eyes future growth

 P&O Ferries highlighted its future in the renewable energy sector at a THMA industry showcase this summer. The company has moved into the sector with the conversion of the cross-Channel freight ship, the European Seaway, into an offshore wind farm accommodation vessel.

The company provided an update and overview of its plans for the renewable energy sector when hosting a THMA event aboard the Pride of Rotterdam, at King George Dock. "The investment we have made in the European Seaway makes her the ideal ship for all offshore support work of this type," said Stephen Weaver, P&O Ferries' business development manager. "As the renewable sector grows, we are perfectly placed to grow alongside it."

Pictured from the left are: Iain Butterworth of Myton Law, Stephen Weaver, Chris Holden of RES Offshore, Mark O'Reilly of THMA and Sally Booker of P&O Ferries.

Up coming events

Oct 30 – Nov 1

RenewableUK 2012, Glasgow, at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC)

The Alliance is exhibiting as part of Humber Renewables at this 34th annual conference and exhibition. Come and see us at Stand 203.

Nov 20

Doing business in Germany

With UKTI Berlin, Areva Wind GmbH & Hochtief AG.

The Seafood Institute, Grimsby.

Nov 27

THMA annual general meeting

3.30 – 5pm, World Trade Centre Hull & Humber, Hull.

Nov 29

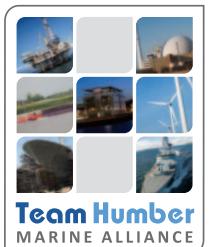
THMA annual bash

Race night at Beverley Rugby Club. £5 a ticket, includes fish and chip or pie and pea supper. Everyone welcome.

Dec 20

Midwinter Solstice Eve-nt drinks and networking

More further information on any of the above events, contact Mary Green on 01482 485271, marygreen@thma.co.uk



MIT on the exhibition trail

Marine and Industrial Transmissions has had a busy couple of months attending exhibitions and trade shows across Europe.

The THMA member built up business in September, taking in SMM, Hamburg's shipbuilding machine and marine technology show; the Cannes Boat Show, and the Southampton Boat Show, where they supported Finnings, the UK's sole Caterpillar dealer, in the launch of the electronic joystick, the Three60 Precision Control System.