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New members add more strength to promotion push

Positive developments across the Humber region in the Alliance's key sectors have been a feature of the last few months.

There has been a significant increase in the level of activity in offshore wind projects, including operations and maintenance out of Grimsby, and new ports development that reflect the Humber's growing authority in renewable energy.

Avenues of growth

As an organisation, we continue to pursue major avenues of growth such as offshore wind, renewable energy, maritime shipping and develop synergies between the sectors.

Team Humber's membership continues to go from strength to strength and we've welcomed many new members. One is Able UK, whose Able Marine Energy Park (AMEP) offers such a fantastic opportunity to stamp the Humber's hallmark of excellence on the green energy sector.

Our AMEP-focused Offshore Wind Connections event in April at Forest Pines, Brigg, was an example of how our membership is working together to create a viable, expert, comprehensive supply platform for the future.

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The Alliance continues to raise the profile of members' companies with the aim of gaining new business at home and abroad. Collaboration and partnership are at the heart of our activities. The German trade mission is another example of how a focused approach to targeting key market opportunities paid off with a high profile and well publicised four-day trip to Bremerhaven and Hamburg. It showed that we have not only the clout, but the maturity to deal



Mark O'Reilly

Director

Team Humber Marine Alliance

face-to-face as equals with some of the biggest players in the offshore wind sector at a time when the sector is experiencing very real growing pains.

We are firmly behind offshore wind developers, and are supporting key players in the sector, such as Green Port Hull, SmartWind, Able UK, and others, to bring their projects to fruition.

Better skills are also vital for the prosperity of our region and THMA is looking to develop a 'Humber Marine Academy', an industry-led collaboration as part of the Employer Ownership of Skills (EOS) programme.

Event opportunities

We will be promoting the region at forthcoming shows such as All-Energy, Seawork and Renewable UK's Offshore Wind. We will also be involved in key supplier event opportunities such as the AREVA Wind meeting on July 2, a great opportunity for members to set out their stall on offshore wind installation and service.

If you have any suggestions on the Alliance's role in supporting Humber companies, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Dry dock looks up wind for new business

A Hull dry dock company says it is keen to talk to owners and operators of offshore wind support craft to help meet their servicing and repair requirements.

Lincoln & Hull Marine Contractors' Browns Dry Dock, on the east side of the River Hull, is 46m x 10m and is one of the largest dry docks between the Wash and the River Tees not on an ABP estate. There is also a 30m wet berth.



"The dock continues to be busy with general repairs and surveys, but we are now looking at ways to service, maintain and repair all the types of craft associated with the offshore wind turbine industry," says owner Noel Tomlinson.

The company was set up in 1922 by Noel's grandfather to carry goods by water on the Humber estuary and River Trent. Noel purchased Browns Dry Dock in 1986 to repair its own craft, and tugs, barges and workboats for other companies.

The company's move into the offshore sector could be replicated on the west bank on another, disused, dry dock owned by the Whitaker Group.

In conjunction with property consultant Malcolm Scott an initial meeting of Team Humber members before Christmas has now been followed up with a further exploratory meeting to discuss ways to create an offshore wind servicing facility.

One possibility is the creation of a consortium of businesses to provide a one-stop shop for offshore vessel repair.

Tom Towne, of Towne Lifting & Testing, is one of a number of Team Humber members who could become involved.

"We are keen to try and get something set up, but we need to at least match what is happening in places like Rotterdam and Copenhagen, and to establish what we are competing against before anything goes ahead," said Tom.

Home and Dry: Noel Tomlinson

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Turbine growth

➔ The number of offshore wind platforms could grow 100 times by 2030 according to the Global Marine Trends report. Produced by THMA member Lloyd's Register, with research and technology company QinetiQ and Strathclyde University, the report also forecasts that seaborne trade will increase from nine billion tonnes annually to at least 19 billion tonnes and that by 2030 China could own a quarter of the merchant fleet.

Enterprise in Grimsby

➔ Grimsby offshore support business Rope Access NDT has set up a collaborative venture with another newly created business in the town's Enterprise Village.

Rope Access NDT, run by Matt Allsopp, and Peter Foster's Wind Farm IRM Services, provide a wide range of offshore maintenance and inspection packages covering the wind, oil and gas, and maritime sectors.

Arco reports record profits

➔ Arco is looking to long-term growth after reporting record profits last year. A 30 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £10.5m, and a six per cent sales rise to £243m, is being followed by a multi-million pound investment programme as the Alliance member builds on this success.

The safety equipment and workwear supplier says it has grown by managing costs, listening to customers and being innovative with its product ranges.

THMA delegates take in the German way

'We saw how manufacturing large components on waterfront sites has real advantages'

Offshore wind's capacity to regenerate an entire region was clear to see for delegates on Team Humber Marine Alliance's four-day trade mission to Bremerhaven and Hamburg.

The trip, in association with UK Trade & Investment, showed how the two north German ports have bounced back from a period of decline.

"Delegates were certainly in awe at the scale of the facilities covering hundreds of hectares of land around Bremerhaven," said Mark O'Reilly, THMA director.

"In the 1990s Bremerhaven had 25 per cent unemployment and the population dropped from 150,000 to 115,000 due to a decline in the traditional shipbuilding and fishing industries.

"With investment in the offshore wind sector, it is now a thriving port complex with new quality hotels, restaurants and leisure facilities. It's certainly a blueprint for our region and it clearly demonstrates the wider socio-economic impact of investment in renewable technologies."

The delegation of 20 member companies met a number of global players on the mid-April mission, including Mitsubishi Power Systems, E.ON Climate and Renewables and AREVA Wind, who are looking to establish facilities for their UK projects in the next few years.

Jason Longhurst, head of development



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at North East Lincolnshire Council, gave a positive, upbeat analysis of the trip.

"Our offer to the industry feeds off places like Bremerhaven in terms of construction and development," said Jason.

"For us it is paramount to have the skills and businesses, the support and training needs, throughout the supply chain around operations and maintenance.

"North East Lincolnshire Council wanted to support this, principally because key businesses were going there. The past

five years have seen a 200 per cent increase in work in Grimsby, we have a 25 to 30 year term of operation, with a five-year build-out and minimum 25-year lifespan for these wind farms," he explained.

"These are all features of the Humber region and shows what could be done if we make the most of the opportunities that are open to us in this sector."

David Wells, business development manager for renewable energy and the low carbon economy at the University of Hull, said that the mission proved very useful. "It highlighted a number of real opportunities for the university to engage with international organisations and develop offshore renewable energy products and services in the Humber and in Germany."

Thomas Stamp, sales manager for wind power at Tata Steel, was similarly upbeat: "It was a very good insight into the German offshore wind supply chain. There are huge opportunities for the Humber region in this growth area."

Bruce Marbrow, director of Alpha Energy, said: "We work directly in the offshore wind operations and maintenance sector, which is not quite as developed as it is in Germany, when compared to their manufacturing sector.

"I hope our visit can allow us to make some progress in that market."



Avocet in action

➔ Njord Offshore has showcased its latest multi-purpose crew transfer vessel to a group of THMA members at Port of Grimsby East. The Njord Avocet has joined a six-strong fleet, including her sister ship Njord Kittiwake, and has a range of 800 miles, high-capacity diesel tanks, a 10ft container berth, 6.5-tonne foredeck crane, and can carry 12 technicians and sleep six crew.

Essex-based Njord Offshore sees a strong market in Grimsby for its chartering services. Tom Mehew, commercial director, said: "There is a lot going on here. There is a huge amount to be done out of the port."

RES Offshore hosted the open day and THMA members who attended included Alpha Energy, Collett Group, Humber Access, Lincol Oil, Point Engineering and Towne Lifting and Testing.

Shippax conference takes to the high seas

➔ Four hundred delegates from nearly 50 international ferry companies were on board the *Pride of Rotterdam* when P&O Ferries hosted the 2013 Shippax conference.

It was the first time a ship operating in UK waters has staged the event, which takes place on ferries all around the world, and this year involved two overnight sailings on the Hull-Rotterdam service between April 23-25.

Speakers included P&O chief executive, Helen Deeble, who helped develop

the conference themes of the strategic positioning of the ferry industry, economic and technological trends, and the Japanese versus European ferry shipping industry culture.

P&O Ferries passenger services director Simon Johnson said: "The *Pride of Rotterdam* lends itself extremely well to the concept of a floating conference because she has the exhibition, conference theatre and catering facilities that such an event requires."

HOTA expands to take in new standards

➔ HOTA is to expand its Malmo Road site in Hull to include a second fire ground as it prepares for changes to maritime industry fire safety and personal survival standards brought in by the International Maritime Organisation.

From 2017, all seafarers will have to refresh their STCW 95 certification every five years.

HOTA expects a 50 per cent increase in its maritime firefighting training services and more demand for offshore basic and refresher training courses.

A projected 400 additional delegates will be trained in 2013 and there is potential to increase total delegates trained in 2014 by 1,700.



A five-strong HOTA team was all set for the Jane Tomlinson Hull 10K corporate challenge in May. From the left, Anne Duncan, Kristian Davies, Louise Drewery, Claire Richardson and Patrick Needham (not pictured) have set a fundraising target of £680 for the Daisy Appeal.

LEP spreading the Humber message

➔ Humber Local Enterprise Partnership's message that the region is a great location for offshore wind services has spread across Europe.

Promoting the region at events in Paris, Madrid and The Hague has been Emma Toulson, a project manager with Parsons Brinckerhoff, who has been seconded to the Humber to support the development of offshore wind business.

"We have been following up contacts made at these events to ensure that European wind energy business leaders see that the Humber is the strongest of the six areas which make up the CORE, Centres for Offshore Renewables Engineering," said Emma.

"We have the location, infrastructure, supply chain and skills as well as being very successful in attracting regional growth funding, which particularly strengthens this already strong position."

In addition, Humber LEP is working closely with THMA to establish the Humber Renewables brand at the RenewableUK Global Offshore Wind event in Manchester on June 12 and 13 and the annual conference in Birmingham from November 5 to 7.

"We are looking forward to making a good impact at these events," said Emma. "It's encouraging to see our

local businesses again being so enthusiastic to join together to represent the region."

European tour: Emma Toulson has been promoting the region in Paris, Madrid and The Hague, pictured



Lord gives work to skilful hands

Point Engineering's expertise in maritime door and hatch construction has come to the fore in the refurbishment of a luxury yacht, once owned by postwar socialites Lord and Lady Docker.

And it has also led to an order for special anti-piracy doors for a major shipping group with a fleet of vessels navigating the dangerous seas around the Horn of Africa.

The Hull-based company's marine division is to design, manufacture and supply a full ship set of doors and hatches on the Dockers' former Shemara 65m super yacht for the refit team on the south coast.

Launched in 1938 and now owned by Carphone Warehouse founder Charles Dunstone, the Shemara's heyday was the 1950s and 60s when the couple hosted lavish parties for an eclectic guest list including King Farouk of Egypt, showbiz stars and a group of Yorkshire miners.

When the money ran out, she was sold and spent more than two decades tied up in Lowestoft.

Now she has been towed to Portchester, near Portsmouth, and is undergoing a complete rebuild that could cost millions.

"Our A60 fire doors and hatches, weathertight doors and watertight door products are used as the base line for

tailoring to suit the refit of the vessel," said Jonathan Rollison, director Point Engineering.

The anti-piracy project's security measures include a safe haven should crew need to retreat from boarding pirates.

"This citadel has to have ballistic protection and be constructed to be locked from the inside to prevent entry," added Mr Rollison.

"We have developed a door system in conjunction with Surelock McGill, to prevent the door from being opened from the outside, and bullets from penetrating into the safe area."

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Sheffield steel for turbine tester

➔ A new wind turbine test rig, capable of testing 80m-long wind turbine blades, has been shipped to the Isle of Wight by Team Humber member, Ekspan.

"The blades are tested for dynamic lifetime and static limit to take each blade structure to its breaking point," said Matthew Dronfield, the company's CEO, who sees large-scale test equipment as vital to maintain the viability of wind power.

The Sheffield-based structural engineering company already provides test facilities to Danish company Vestas for their 60m blades.



New Challenger for ECC

➔ Lowestoft-based East Coast Charters has added the £1.6m Challenger to its fleet of multi-purpose workboats, with the help of Alliance member Myton Law.

The Hull law firm and THMA member acted for the purchase and financing of the new vessel, which will provide marine survey, crew and stores transport and wind farm support.

"Though the values involved with workboats are not as great as for mainstream shipping, lenders remain perhaps overcautious following the downturn and their conditions are no less stringent," explains Myton Law's John Habergham, who helped make a strong business case for buying the Challenger.



ALLIANCE: Speakers, from left, EEF's Roger Salomone, DECC's head of supply chain, Allan Taylor, Robert Foyle, Mark O'Reilly and David Shepherd of Able UK (Ian Farquhar of David Brown Wind Energy, not pictured)

Strabag eyes south bank

'It is a tremendous boost at a crucial stage'

Austrian construction group Strabag has confirmed that it wants to set up a gravity-base foundations construction hub at AMEP, the 800-acre Able UK Marine Energy Park on the Humber south bank.

New Team Humber member Able UK is talking to Strabag about site requirements while further details were revealed by Robert Foyle, Strabag offshore wind business development executive for UK and Ireland, at the THMA-hosted Offshore Wind Connections event at Brigg on April 24.

Able group development director Neil Etherington said: "It is a tremendous boost at this crucial stage in our

development plans for AMEP to have a company as large and significant as Strabag make clear its wish to be involved."

If plans go ahead, Strabag would make deep-water foundations, bringing about 400 new jobs locally.

The project is at a critical stage in its development with a final planning decision expected in July.

Mark O'Reilly, director, THMA, said: "This would be a huge new ports complex with opportunities for companies right through the supply chain, from ports and marine to offshore."

Offshore Wind Connections, was supported by EEF the manufacturers' organisation.

Andrew Jackson lands Vivergo

➔ Expertise in commercial shipping and international trade has landed another client for Andrew Jackson, which is to provide legal services to Vivergo Fuels.

The Alliance member will advise on contracts with shipping and storage contractors and logistics related to Vivergo Fuels' new biorefinery plant at Saltend in Hull.

The business win comes as Andrew Jackson settles into a new head office at Marina Court, near Hull's historic old Fruit Market and Marina.

Steel site gets ISO standard

➔ Barrett Steel's head office site in Bradford has been awarded the environmental standard ISO 14001:2004 as part of a group-wide campaign to reduce its carbon footprint.

Centre of training excellence

➔ A new renewable energy safety training Centre of Excellence is to open in Hessle, near Hull.

HFR Solutions CIC's 'all under one roof' centre will boast a 45m training tower, a multimillion pound ship simulator and a 30m water-filled dock.

Companies are being offered complete onshore and offshore wind safety training packages, with courses such as confined space entry and rescue, working at height and first aid by the Humberside Fire Authority controlled company.

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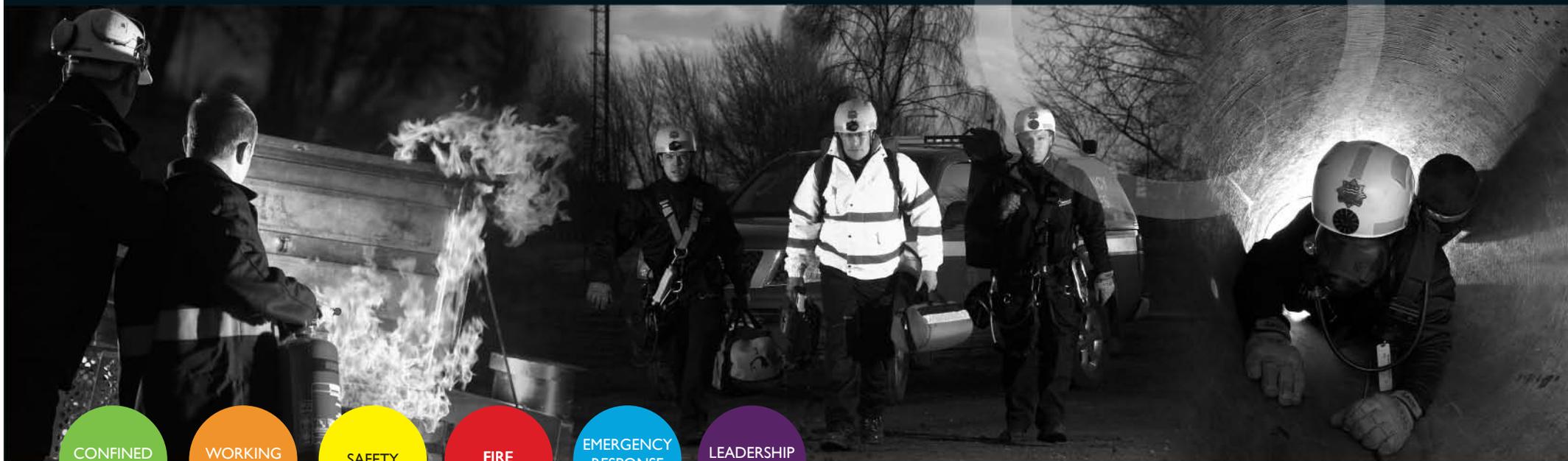
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➔ Access platform and lifting specialist, Peter Hird and Sons, has unveiled its newly expanded southern depot at Redhill on the edge of the M25 in Surrey, backed by growth in key dealerships.

The company has two other depots, in Doncaster and Hull, a dedicated training facility and has grown in three years from a standing start to 10 staff members and more than 250 pieces of hire equipment.

Hird has also taken on a new dealership for 3B6, the electronic systems safety load indicator, for cranes and plant machinery.

The company's dealership for GMV Handling's Winlet robotic products, for use in the glazing industry, is also proving successful, said owner Philip Hird.

"Within the first five months we surpassed our yearly sales target by 500 per cent, which is a pretty astonishing figure," he said.

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Introducing the support craft of tomorrow

OSD-IMT hard at work on designing the vessels

The offshore wind support vessels of tomorrow are on the drawing board of OSD-IMT and gaining interest from the industry.

The ship designer and Team Humber member has been working with a catamaran builder/operator to develop a workboat with a crane heave-compensated access walkway to the rear to allow transfer of turbine maintenance staff and stores, including fuel and potable water.

The IMT 9552 wind farm maintenance vessel can accommodate 60 personnel, including technicians and crew, is about 80m long and 17m wide

'We have had a lot of interest from industry over this vessel'

with a depth of 8m and has two daughter workboats.

Neil Patterson, managing director of OSD-IMT, said: "We have had a lot of interest from industry over this vessel design, which is ideally placed to serve offshore wind farm operators."

The company is keen to develop a 'mother ship', pictured below, with a large floodable dock accessible from the stern,

which would work as a base for smaller vessels.

This Sea-Wind WMV would remain on station in offshore deep-water wind farms providing a safe haven for catamaran workboats taking out engineers to service the turbines.

"We have taken the best experience of dock ships, and their use in military and commercial situations, and combined it with our extensive experience in designing offshore support vessels," added Neil.

The largest version in this new vessel design is 187m long.





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Photo: Hull Daily Mail



Texan treat: Mary Jane Roach with SMS Statesman skipper Gareth Bonner

Pulling power

'May God bless her and all who sail in her...'

She came all the way from Texas to name a tug on the Humber, and Mary Jane Roach made it a day to remember.

The £4m Turkish-built tug Statesman was officially named by the wife of Steve Roach, long-term business associate of the SMS Towage.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Mary Jane. "I wouldn't have missed this for anything."

The Statesman, a state of the art ASD tug, is fully equipped

with a modern and impressive fire-fighting system, forward and after winches and a deck crane. She joins the company's fleet of 10 vessels already working in the Humber estuary.

Director Paul Escreet said: "She will be put to work at the port of Immingham berthing and unberthing larger vessels that use the estuary."

The new tug is equipped with two Rolls-Royce azimuthing thrusters, which are capable of being turned through 360 degrees making the Statesman a very manoeuvrable addition.

ISO pass

➔ Mechan has been awarded the OHSAS 14001 standard recognising the design, manufacture, installation and servicing of its lifting and handling equipment. The Sheffield-based Team Humber member is also working towards ISO 18001 health and safety system accreditation.

Laser guided

➔ C Roberts, part of Barrett Steel, has invested in new flatbed laser cutting equipment for better tolerances on mild steel, stainless steel, aluminium, titanium and yellow materials. The machine can cut up to 20mm thick.

Kids' cash

➔ The Insurance Partnership has helped secure £2,500 for Hull Children's University through the Aviva Broker Community Fund.

A national competition among brokers to nominate funding for a worthwhile project in their local community attracted more than 200 entries and the bid was one of 25 that were successful.

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Piling in: SMC team working on piling operations on the London Array

Specialists find Siemens niche

'We provide daily reports on all crew vessel movements and prioritise higher vehicle utilisation'

Specialist Marine Consultants is following up its marine coordination work for Siemens on the London Array wind farm with a similar service at the 576MW Gwynt y Môr, off the coast of North Wales.

The East Yorkshire-based consultancy took over responsibility for coordinating vessel movements at the 630MW London Array phase one from Siemens' own staff, so that they could focus on turbine installation.

The Team Humber member's efforts have delivered significant fuel savings, as well

as new approaches to health and safety, said SMC's co-owner, Ian Coates.

"Our service supports Siemens' strategy of standardising and industrialising offshore wind turbine manufacture and installation. We provide daily reports on all crew vessel movements and prioritise higher vessel utilisation and fuel consumption reductions, with a clear focus on vessel deployment.

"We're hopeful that Siemens will also use the service on other turbine installation projects as we have created a niche service.

'Essentially we went into this with a blank sheet of paper and have developed it with Siemens'

"We originally provided a very loose version of offshore marine coordination for an oil and gas client in India, but essentially we went into this with a blank piece of paper and have developed it for Siemens."

While SMC provides vessel compliance audits for the offshore oil and gas industry, health and safety training, the majority of its revenue derives from offshore wind projects, including for DONG, E.ON, EDF, Forewind, P&O, Centrica, BARD Belwind, North Wind and GeoSea.

Dalby growth

➔ Dalby Offshore Renewables has set its sights on the offshore wind support market as it continues to strengthen its crew transfer fleet.

Managing director Stuart McNiven said: "I'm keen to focus our growth plans for the renewable energy sector and, in particular, wind farms. We know that three of the largest wind farms in the North Sea will be established off the Humber estuary and east coast of England, so my plan is to be well equipped to meet that demand."

At the end of last year, the company added the 20m Dalby Trent crew transfer vessel, built by Alicat Workboats to the same specifications as the Dalby Humber and Dalby Tees.

The new vessel has already worked off the east coast of Sweden for the Dutch operator, Jan De Nul, on behalf of E.ON. The Dalby Trent is also a base for remotely operated underwater vessels and diving operations.

London calling

➔ Waldeck Engineering has undertaken civil, structural, mechanical and electrical works for a £7m property development in Finchley, North London. The Hull company's civil and structural engineering team designed and detailed the concrete frame, piled foundations, underground parking and drainage system for the mixed commercial and residential scheme.

Lincol link up with Total

➔ Lincol Oil, of Stallingborough, has agreed a new distribution deal with Total for the supply of industrial lubricants, which includes products for the marine and aviation industries, in the Humber region.

“We have major contracts with vessel and tug owners in the Humber region, and this is one of a number of new projects related to the renewables and offshore

wind sector,” said Mike Harrington, Lincol managing director

The company, which is celebrating 106 years in business, houses a large range of Total marine products in all pack sizes, from 20-litre containers to 208-litre barrels. Specialised pumping equipment installed on its delivery vehicles can also be used to supply vessels directly with bulk lubricants.

EU benefit

➔ Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg told the 2013 Global Manufacturing Festival in Sheffield that a commitment to the EU would bring regional manufacturing benefits.

“Threatening to leave diminishes the UK’s position within the EU,” argued Mr Clegg at the event organised by Alliance member and law firm Nabarro.

“Rather than withdraw, we should lead the reform of the EU. There is nothing ‘bulldog’ about retreating into a corner.”

Nabarro partner Martin McKervey said: “Mr Clegg is a well-known advocate of the EU, but as we heard at the event, some manufacturers feel strongly that the UK should pull out of the EU.”

Steel work to a new standard

➔ The engineers at Fowler & Holden proved up to the test when dealing with a major job for a large steel mill. Setting a new standard in the size of component it can produce,

the company’s engineering division produced five large shafts, each more than 5m long and 1.3m in diameter. The Grimsby company’s machine shop includes borers, millers and lathes.

Picture: ABP, Immingham



ABP's Drax deal supports region's future

‘Investment in the biomass supply chain is critical’

ABP is to invest £100m in port facilities at Hull, Goole and Immingham to handle increased biomass shipments to Drax power station. The country’s largest plant, at Selby, is converting three of its 12 existing coal-fired generating units to burn sustainable biomass.

As the ports will work hand in glove with the rail network, Hull and Immingham are both to receive rail upgrades. ABP’s new chief executive, James Cooper, said: “This investment looks set to secure the Humber region’s position as a centre of excellence for the development of the

low carbon energy future.”

Drax chief executive, Dorothy Thompson, said: “Investment in the biomass supply chain is critical to developing this nascent industry and realising its huge potential.”

As part of the 15-year deal, Immingham renewable fuels terminal will handle Panamax-size bulk carriers carrying up to three million tonnes of wood pellets a year.

There will be new quayside discharge plant and equipment to convey the biomass from the ships to new silos capable of storing up to 100,000 tonnes. A new train loading facility,

and the upgraded infrastructure will use specialist rail wagons.

At Hull, ABP is investing in dedicated handling equipment and storage facilities for up to one million tonnes of biomass. Warehousing at Goole will be improved to help deal with improved biomass.

The triple port project will create about 100 jobs at ABP’s Humber ports during the construction phase and more than 100 permanent positions.

ABP was advised by another THMA member, solicitors Andrew Jackson, on its commercial contracts with Drax.

More power to electrical firm

➔ Humber Electrical has strengthened its commercial management team, and the changes, according to new chief executive Bryan Irving, show commitment to a bright future in charge of the marine and controls, contracting and lighting group.

Bryan is a director at BIM Enterprises, an investment and consultancy business, which is providing expertise for the Hull-based THMA member.

The new team includes Ian Morl as chief financial officer, Paul Richardson as director of the marine and controls division, and Mike Todd as contracting operations manager.

Gordon Taylor continues to head up the Sondia specialist lighting division, with Elizabeth Shuttleworth as company chairman and John Phillips and Mike Mills as technical specialists and advisers.

Plastic fantastic?

Every time Humber Reclamation recycles plastic covered cable, two thirds of it comes off as waste plastic granules.

To help find alternatives to landfill for the 3mm granules, the THMA member is now seeking business partners.

“We are looking for an outlet and business partner to develop possible uses for what currently has a negative value,” said Robert Sanderson, director.

“The plastic is washed in the process and comes in a variety of colours, this material is out of our area of expertise. We understand metals but not plastics, so there could be a variety of different uses, such as low cost plastic injection or moulding that we don’t know about.

“We’ve got it, it’s there, so if someone could make use of it locally come and talk to us. We’d be happy to invest a bit if there is an outlet locally.”

Contact Robert on 01482 212176 or robert@robert-sanderson.co.uk



Bright future: apprentice of the year, Ben Savage, centre, pictured with Grimsby Institute’s chairman, Mike Parker, and Sue Middlehurst, principal and chief executive

Photo: Dave Moss

CATCH up with five-year investment

➔ A new training contract for Grimsby Institute is already paying dividends. Apprentice of the year, Ben Savage, is one of the first to benefit from a three-year contract with the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board at the CATCH (Centre for the Assessment of Technical Competence – Humber) facility at Stallingborough.

Grimsby Institute’s James Danby said: “We are investing in more workshops and updating facilities at CATCH over the next five years as part of this contract, the benefits of which are clearly already being seen.”

Recruiting across the globe

➔ On Loan Recruitment is winning more overseas work in Spain, Italy and South America in the energy and marine sectors. The Humber-based consultancy’s current vacancies include most engineering disciplines, including project management, industrial and trades services and commercial support.

Events diary

May 22–23

All-Energy 2013, AECC Aberdeen
Team Humber members are exhibiting on stand G40, as part of a well-supported Humber Renewables delegation at this key conference and exhibition.
www.all-energy.co.uk

June 12–13

RenewableUK Offshore Wind 2013, Manchester
Team Humber members are also exhibiting with Humber renewables on Stand 91.
www.renewableuk.com

June 19

Midsummer networking drinks
World Trade Centre Hull & Humber, Hull

June 25–27

Seawork International 2013, Canary Island Fruit Terminal, Hampshire

Come and visit THMA and eight member companies on stand B133.
www.seawork.com

July 2

AREVA Wind with NOF Energy and THMA
Supplier opportunity, Wynard Park, Billingham, Co. Durham

November 5–7
RenewableUK 2013, NEC Birmingham

Spaces available under the Humber Renewables brand (details out in August). The 35th annual conference and exhibition.
www.renewableuk.com

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