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Following the Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Horizon incident in April 2010, global oil & gas industry operators, governments and environmentalists alike questioned what if a similar catastrophic incident happened in their sectors. Indeed, what lessons were learned and would it now be handled more efficiently and reliably?

During the incident, Wild Well Control – Houston, Texas was contracted by BP and was heavily involved in the efforts to cap the Macondo well.

Subsequently, Wild Well Control has since designed and packaged their new GSWCS to meet operators’ expectations and align with their contingency plans in response to a subsea well control event whether in the North Sea or other global oil and gas region.

Wild Well Control awarded Score Subsea & Wellhead Limited the Service Contract to store, service & maintain the GSWCS and have, in a “true team spirit”, jointly built, pressure tested to 15,000psig and function tested, the 100 Ton system and associated equipment. All these services were conducted from within Score’s new enhanced testing subsea and wellhead facility in Wellbank, Peterhead, Scotland.

GSWCS Ongoing Healthcare & Maintenance Programme:

To ensure the GSWCS system is in full operational condition at all times, Score Subsea & Wellhead will conduct periodic system healthcare, maintenance and function tests to the systems critical components.

GSWCS Mobilisation

In order to facilitate a rapid mobilisation in response to a North Sea incident, Score Subsea & Wellhead Limited, under the direction of Wild Well Control, will be involved in the mobilisation of the GSWCS and the system sub-sections which are housed in dedicated containerised units for mobilisation by air/sea freight to the country calling the emergency.

Wild Well Control’s GSWCS covers all the critical aspects for well capping, containment and collection and is currently designed and certified to operate in up to 10,000ft water depth.

Score in the Park
Family Fun Day, Sunday 3rd June at the Tufted Duck Hotel, 4-6 p.m.
Details to follow.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed articles for this issue. We are always looking for feedback, ideas and suggestions which we could consider to include as this is Your Newsletter. Contact us at STAMP-newsletterteam@score-group.com. The next issue of the newsletter will be released July 2012.

The Newsletter Team

To read more on this please visit: www.subsea-wellhead.com
Cowanbeath Enters a New World in Future Research for Valves, Actuators and Control Systems

Our specialised test facility over the last two decades has provided a first class service for our world wide based clients. Clients include:- Shell, Exxon, Aker Solutions, FMC, Halliburton, British Petroleum, Crane, Stockham, Masterflow, Weatherford, Cameron, GE, Vetco, Destec, CCI Technology, Tyco Flow Control, Emerson, Statoil and TOTAL.

From the early beginnings of the specialised test facility we have completed over 10,000 PR2, low temperature and cryogenic tests. We have the capability to reach pressures exceeding 30,000 PSI and a temperature range of minus 200°C to Plus 500°C in our dedicated test chambers. With this range of pressures and temperatures it is clear that we can readily meet our customers’ demands.

An intensive operator training program led by Steven Davidson and Stuart Penman has increased our capability and resource capacity to undertake the volume of activities currently programmed.

Ourмаркeting manager said during commissioning, “With the company’s investment in this major piece of kit, I will now be able to learn more about and gain experience in CNC technology. Another commented, “When you look at the engineering experience Score already has this, this further expands the service and repair capabilities we can offer clients.”

Andrew Buchan, 74, a machinist who has worked for the company for 23 years, commented, ‘I appreciate the expenditure the company has made with the purchase of this machine. It is looking to the future and investing in the development of the next generation of young engineers’. 

Major Investment in State of the Art CNC Technology

Score (Europe) Limited commissioned a new ‘Ward CNC Series S Webster and Bennett’ Vertical Boring Machine in their Machine Shop at Wellbank, in Peterhead on the 2nd March.

The machine has a 60” 1500mm diameter chuck, a maximum machining height of 1.6m and will hold 12 tools in its floor mounted carousel. The machine itself weighs over 26 tonnes. The rigidity of the Ward CNC coupled with its high pressure coolant supply will allow machining time to be greatly reduced and tool life to be extended. The up-to-date Fanuc control system is similar to the systems fitted to Score’s existing CNC machines, so programming will be a natural progression for the operators. The accuracy in repeatability of this CNC programmed machine tool will allow for even greater manufacturing efficiency – especially where batch quantities of identical items are required.

The manufacturer’s commissioning engineer explained that the vertical boring machine will provide support in improving efficiency by minimising cutting times when machining larger diameter components – both those manufactured from scratch and repaired or modified / cladded parts. It will also deliver the capability to manufacture complex components such as valve ball and seat assemblies.

To complement the new machine, a new rotary table – complete with heating bands – has been purchased for the Cladding Workshop. This will allow for more accurate control on component pre-heating and inter-pass temperatures, as specified on some of the more complex weld procedures that Score has implemented to support their customer needs. This machine will give high accuracy repeatability when machining individual components through to large batches of identical components.

Andrew Wishart and Stuart Penman, working together on three different tests.

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Score Atlanta at Nuclear Valve Users Groups in San Antonio, Texas

Stan Hale - Score Atlanta Managing Director

Score Group plc personnel from various locations around the globe participated in the 2012 annual meeting of the nuclear valve users groups in San Antonio Texas. This year’s meeting ran from January 16th – 20th and was the fourth consecutive meeting attended by Score. This year's meeting was significant because several participating nuclear plants purchased and used MIDAS Meter® in 2011. As a result MIDAS Meter® presentations were on the formal agendas for 3 separate meetings during the week and each one was based on real successes experienced by nuclear customers.

As a result of the buzz created from the presentations and from customer word of mouth the exhibit and demonstration setup stayed quite busy throughout the week. In the few short weeks following the January event additional orders have been received from multiple nuclear plant sites including an order for 3 systems from one customer. 2012 is shaping up to be a breakout year as our first Score in-house designed product becomes a useful and used tool in nuclear power plants worldwide.

Score Atlanta Launch Online Sales Website

Stan Hale (Score Atlanta) approached S.T.A.M.P in 2011 with the requirement of a bespoke online sales system. As well as a complete overhaul, the major requirement was to develop an easy to access menu system with an automated online sales system to be incorporated.

The site was then designed and programmed by the STAMP systems team to allow users to view sensors or accessories, tailor it to their needs with three changeable upgrades, order online, before paying with all major credit/debit cards.

Score Energy Launch NEW Website

Mark Webster - Score Energy Customer Support Manager

After a lot of hard work in designing new content and new look, the new Score Energy Limited website was launched on the 9th March. Our new website provides an uncluttered design, giving customers quick and easy access to the full range of Score Energy’s capabilities and services. It will be updated on a regular basis, with news of events, expanding levels of support and current reliable exchange pool. Most importantly, requesting a quotation or contacting us has never been easier. The site can be viewed by visiting score-energy.com.

Score Europe Accept Full BVAA Membership

The Score Europe board decided at the start of the year to become a full member of the British Valve and Actuator Association (BVAA). The benefits this membership brings will be tenfold with many Score personnel having the opportunity to contribute to current issues effecting the British valve manufacturing industry. More information on the benefits can be found at www.bvaa.org.uk/download/bvaa_members_benefits.pdf or by contacting Conrad Ritchie. A plaque recognising Score (Europe) Limited as full members of the BVAA is now displayed in reception at both Glenugie and Wellbank sites.

20-20 Gets New Group Trainer

Fiona Kalloo has been working for Score for the past 13 years. Fiona was one of the first admin trainees employed by Score. As an admin trainee Fiona moved round various departments and locations and most recently worked in Trinidad for 18 months. Fiona is now the production admin team leader based at Glenugie in Peterhead.

One of Fiona’s new roles is that of 20:20 trainer. 20-20 is a system that integrates internal and external management information across the entire organisation, embracing finance/accounting, sales and service. This new role involves training new and existing employees in all areas of 20:20. This will include running training courses and issuing toolbox talks as well as being the 20-20 mentor for new admin trainees.

Fiona will also be supporting employees at other Score locations worldwide. To ensure Fiona to support remote locations she has access to login to all Score location 20:20 systems.

If you have any 20:20 training requests or queries these can be emailed to Fiona at 20-20training@score-group.com.
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The apprentices were accompanied on the trip by Gordon Milne, Apprentice Coordinator and David Gregg, Engineering Instructor at Peterhead Engineers Development Ltd. Whilst in London, the group had time to visit the EDF Energy London Eye and the Sea Life London Aquarium before returning home the next evening.

Score Apprentice Commended in the Northwest Aerospace Alliance Awards

Hycore Apprentice, James Bolland, was commended for his achievements in the Northwest Aerospace Alliance Awards held on 9th February 2012 at the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester.

James submitted his project, “Investigations into deposition methods & alloys available for the replacement of cadmium containing braze alloy” for the awards and following a tough selection process the judges said that James was “a very capable candidate, particularly with regards to your engineering knowledge and problem solving.”

James gained his commendation in the North West Aerospace/Defence Apprentice 2011 category. He attended the ceremony with his parents alongside Hycore’s Operations Director Stephen Kelly and Laura Snape, HR and Training Coordinator.

Stephen commented, ‘we are really pleased with James’ achievement. He was up against some very tough competition’.

Cowdenbeath Apprentice Training Program

Our Apprentice training program continues at a pace. Pictured is our newly qualified Valve Technician Andrew Wishart being presented with his Modern Apprenticeship award by Ian Hynd of Carnegie College. Andrew is surrounded by fellow apprentices all keen to emulate his achievement. During Andrew’s apprenticeship he worked at Score sites in Canada, Norway, Shetland and also on a number of offshore platforms.

Score (Europe) Limited Receives International Safety Award

Score (Europe) Limited has been awarded a British Safety Council International Safety Award. The company has received this with a merit commendation scoring 58/60. This achievement clearly demonstrates a strong commitment by Score (Europe) Limited to maintain the health, safety and well-being of its employees through good health and safety management. Score Europe was informed of the honor at the end of March by the Chief Executive of the International Safety Council, Mr Alex Botha. All applications for this award go through a rigorous judging process. This includes being marked by four independent adjudicators who are trained by the British Safety Council and are all chartered members of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health, as well as being senior health and safety professionals in their respective organisations. The International Safety Awards relate to the health and safety management of a company, organisation or business unit, judged on the previous year’s performance. Benefits of the award include benchmarking the company’s health and safety performance, its commitment to high standards as well as the prestige of the award itself. When we considered the company performs high risk tasks in pressure testing, machining and heavy lifting operations, it is a testament to the organisation’s safety conscious culture that has been adopted and installed in its employees over the past 30 years.

Congratulations are due to Jacquie Murray and Tom Skinner of the Peterhead HSE team who have successfully passed the NEBOSH Fire Certificate. Jacquie and Tom completed this course, which is equivalent to two weeks full time learning, through e-training modules online and then sat an invigilated exam in December 2011. After a long wait for results they were delighted to learn that they had both achieved passes with distinction. The NEBOSH Fire certificate is intended to provide the knowledge necessary to conduct detailed fire risk assessments and address related issues.

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New Locations

Score Europe Opens Aberdeen Office

Score (Europe) Limited is proud to announce the opening of their new office in Aberdeen. The office has primarily been opened to further complement Score’s control valve support services in the Oil and Gas sector with their Senior Control Valve Engineer, Steve Abel relocating from their Bighouse facility to the office near Aberdeen city centre. Steve brings with him 20 years of experience in providing control valve technical solutions particularly in the area of severe oil and gas service. The new office will also be used as support to our clients in the Aberdeen area, allowing Score to provide support they need on their doorstep.

Score Trinidad – Opens Corporate Office

December 2011, marked the realization of one of Score Trinidad’s strategic goals; the opening of a new corporate office. On the 8th Floor of Albion Plaza situated in the capital, this new office overlooks the entire city of Port of Spain and is pleasantly surrounded by many of the key Oil and Gas operators that reside in Trinidad.

As part of Score Trinidad’s growth and development commitment, the expansion of office space became an obvious need and it was impossible to do it at the main office in Cunupia. The suggestion to relocate the contracts department to POS was quickly and intelligently put into action and proved to be a highly commendable move.

Our contracts team supports and manages the current BPTT contract and intends to further build on our relationship with BPTT in anticipation of a stronger and longer term relationship. It has been 2 months since the move, and the positive comments are still flowing in. Our clients have welcomed the initiative and the benefits will most certainly be a continuous phenomenon.

In today’s highly dynamic environment, it is necessary to be proactive and encourage this kind of initiative, in order to keep abreast of competitors. The main intention of this new office is essentially to attract and sustain corporate relationships with current and potential clients. As our vision states, Score intends to maintain an image that keeps us as the preferred service and procurement provider for all our clients, and the opening of this new office is surely a step in the right direction to the realization of this vision.

The integration of our departmental role with those of the other departments was put to test having been segregated from the rest of the company. However the minor challenges faced in the first couple of weeks have been overcome and we have now aligned ourselves in a smooth synchronization of our operations.

A fundamental principle to be applied to all new endeavours is optimism and while there might be speed bumps along the way, the advantages of this development will by far outweigh any disadvantage. It is also imperative to proclaim that the opening of Score’s Corporate Office is not merely the progress of the Contracts Department but the entire team of Score Trinidad. The future of the company as a whole looks prosperous and we hope to continue to grow as an organisation with a strong willingness to evolve in the Oil & Gas Industry; as far as we can reach and to the best of our ability.

Score Asia and Valve Solutions Malaysia

Score Asia and Valve Solutions Malaysia have recently moved to a new office at Menara Park, located strategically opposite to Kuala Lumpur Petronas Twin Towers (KLCC) with a larger office space, which could accommodate approximately 25-40 personnel.

This move is in line with business expansion and to support integrity between the two companies, which are managed by Managing Director, Mr. Geoff Miles.

The newly furnished office houses three divisions, i.e. valve sales and engineering handled by Score Asia and Engineering by Valve Solutions Malaysia. Most importantly, Score Asia maintains its reputation as one of the esteemed valve stockists in the South East Asia and Australasia regions, with a wide range of valve stocks, based at Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ). Nonetheless, Valve Solutions Malaysia is gaining reputation as a valve engineering service provider locally and within the SEA region, and will continue to expand its services wherever and whenever required.

This year looks very promising for both companies, with potential projects and increasing valve supplies within the SEA and Australasia regions.

CSL Service Technician Relocates

Since our last update, our service and aftermarket support technician Andy Goddard has now transferred from Constant Systems Ltd in the (UK) to the USA to oversee operations in our Middle East workshop. Andy Goddard, previously working with Constant Systems Inc. in the USA, understands the importance of aftermarket and technical support for our customers. Although the move has been in the US, we understand the importance of aftermarket and technical support for our customers and have opened this department in order to be closer to our clients and provide a more effective service.

Score Middle East Move to JAFZA

Score Middle East, which specialises in Intelligent Valve and Gas Turbine Solutions, recently took a new office and workshop in Jebel Ali Free Zone (JAFZA) Dubai, strategically locating Score in one of the world’s largest and the fastest growing free zones.

Score Middle East was established in 2005 in Dubai UAE one of the leading business hubs of the Middle East.

We recognize the growth of the company and this vibrant networking atmosphere will help strengthen and build new business relationships and business opportunities which present themselves with refreshing regularity. We intend to maintain and grow in our vision which is to simply be the best in our industry providing the highest quality of standards through continual improvements.

Our Middle East workshop is equipped to stock numerous valves, providing sales, modifications, automation, testing, expediting, maintenance and inspection services to our clients in the region. We are specialists who provide full valve management process to oil & gas companies and engineering contractors worldwide.
Score Exhibits at Banff and Buchan College Oil & Gas Event 2012

Banff and Buchan College held their annual Oil & Gas Event on the 16th February at their newly refurbished campus. The event has become a must for all oil and gas job seekers and as always was attended by major companies in the area.

Score Group has been a major part of the show for many years and once again were there in full force. The evening event was a fantastic opportunity to network with members of the public and many of them intend on speaking to one of our stand team to find out more about the company and engineering opportunities. As Score has the largest apprenticeship scheme in Scotland, many young people along with their parents were interested in discussing careers in engineering, both in valves and turbines.

Score was once again delighted to be involved in the event and believe it was one of the busiest they have attended in recent years at the college. For more information regarding Score apprenticeships in engineering, as well as welding, NDT (Non Destructive Testing), electrical, administration, IT, and multimedia, visit our career pages.

The themes for the evening were:

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Exhibitions

Score Exhibits at the Institute of Measurement and Control

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An opportunity to try the MIDAS Meter® through-valve loss / leak detection equipment was also offered to all delegates throughout the evening. This practical demonstration, using a valve manifold, gave the members a chance to experience for themselves how major safety improvements, environmental risk reduction, maintenance cost savings and profit loss minimisation could be achieved by deploying this intuitive and simple to use device.

Graham Dunkley, Engineering Manager at GEO® Speciality Chemicals and Chairman of the Institute's Wessex Section, commented after the event that it had been an excellent seminar evening with a high turnout of members - with around 50 delegates it had been one of their busiest evening events for some time. Further, he noted that he had received many positive comments and that it had exceeded all the delegates’ expectations. The main Score objectives for the event were also achieved.

This informative workshop was one of a series of evening events that are offered by the Wessex Section of the Institute of Measurement and Control. The evening provided a relaxed setting for learning, socialising and networking. Feedback received by the local Score representatives directly from those who attended, has also been positive and several new relationships have been forged with potential new working opportunities now also being pursued.

Score Atlanta Exhibit at Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference

Score Atlanta participated in the 18th Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference (PBNC) in Busan, Korea from March 20 through 22, 2012. PBNC is held every other year and draws attendees from Korea, China, Japan, Taiwan and the USA. As would be expected following the recent nuclear events in Japan the conference included heavy content on the consequences and post accident analysis surrounding Fukushima. Despite setbacks in Japan the outlook for the existing fleet of nuclear power plants in Korea was upbeat and new plant construction is still in progress. The MIDAS Meter® experience in the US nuclear power industry was presented during the plant maintenance and operations track of the conference. The Nuclear Energy Korea 2012 Exhibition ran parallel to the conference. Score Atlanta provided MIDAS Meter® demonstrations to conference goers and general attendees during the 3 day exhibition. Nuclear power plants in Korea often adopt US maintenance and testing practices and have experimented with AE-based systems in the past. The difference between MIDAS Meter® and traditional Ultrasonic Systems were discussed in detail and future experimental use of MIDAS Meter® in Korea is likely.

Score Energy Attend WTUI

This year’s Western Turbine Users Inc. (WTUI) Conference And Exhibition was held in the Pasadena Conference Centre, Los Angeles, from the 18th to 21st March 2012.

The high number of visitors is perhaps a reflection of the industry's eagerness to discover the latest developments within the rapidly changing power generation market. The introduction of our new graphics, proactive accessory and 'hands on' display's, attracted operators, manufacturers, supply chain and service providers on to our stand allowing us to cement relationships and establish new contacts.

As always, the main aim of the show is getting across our ever increasing capabilities to new and existing customers. This was enhanced this year by a new wet fogging display introducing our latest partnership with Caldwell Energy who provide wet compression technology systems that can increase the power output of a gas turbine by as much as 25% whilst also reducing NOx emission levels.
Score Europe Launch Primary Engineering Programme

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n the week commencing 12th of March Score Europe took steps to forge closer links with local Primary schools offering children an insight of the facilities, work-scope, training and educational opportunities available within the organisation. The MA (Modern Apprentice) scheme highlights the importance of STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths within education and employment. Throughout the week a total of 80 pupils were given a guided tour of Score Europe and Score Energy facilities, gaining an insight into the various engineering divisions located throughout the Peterhead premises. These budding engineers discovered how valves and actuators operate, the need for 100 tonne over head cranes, what is meant by pressure, how test cells function and the importance of safety. They were shown examples of strip down assembly and testing of components, and how and why industrial gas turbines are used. Our apprentices and training staff highlighted the importance of mathematical calculations, following instructions and using their imagination. A short presentation was given outlining the progression of aeronautical engineering developed from the idea of bird flight to rocket and jet innovation followed by a practical exercise on building a glider out of paper. This exercise allowed the students to use their hand skills, follow procedures, select materials and more importantly work as a team to successfully manufacture the paper aircraft. The pupils were a credit to their schools, showing excellent manners, conduct and respect. To show our appreciation we issued certificates to help mark the occasion and ignite that little bit of genius and imagination within all that attended. In the following months we will expand this scheme, offering all local primary education facilities the opportunity to attend while we continue to promote and support Engineering in all its forms. Score Europe is currently recruiting for the MA Scheme summer intake.

Peterhead Academy Work Experience Week

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n the week commencing 30th of January Peterhead Academy pupils attended their first work experience placements within Score Europe, Score Energy, and Score Training. Seventeen 4th year pupils gained an insight into the employability skills required within a working environment. The pupils underwent a Safety Induction and a Manual Handling course followed by placements within departments such as controls, valve-shop, sales workshop, maintenance, pressure safety valves, crane warehouse, machine-shop, valve automation, electrical, marine, subsea and wellhead, valve and fuel nozzle related welding. Engineering skills are at the forefront in each of the departments. Each pupil was assigned an apprentice mentor to shadow throughout the one week period. The feedback from guidance teachers and pupils has been very positive with future placements to follow from August. Applications are currently being received for the next intake of trainees. We are happy to assist the local Academies and look forward in continuing to work closely to ensure that pupils gain a deeper understanding of what Score has to offer in relation to Engineering and other related skills as well as further education.

January 2012 Apprentices Settle In

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hilst many thriving companies in the engineering sector have used the recent difficult economic climate as an opportunity to trim their training expenditure, Peterhead based Score Group plc continue to challenge that popular trend by taking the opposite approach. Maintaining their long track record of investing in their National Award Winning Apprenticeship Training Programme, the Score Group - now in its 30th trading year - has the largest apprentice training programme in Scotland, with over 250 apprentices engaged in a wide variety of traditional and new apprenticeship disciplines, with a major focus on mechanical engineering. All 25 new apprenticeship positions offered in Peterhead this Jan (2012) were filled by the end of December, as the company sustained its commitment to, and investment in, the local population. The Group continuously strives to provide opportunities for those who wish to invest in their own futures and intend to become part of the next generation of highly skilled engineers.

Speaking at a recent in-company apprentice lecture, Score Group plc Chairman Charles Ritchie - who’s vision and commitment has sustained the organisation’s growth and specifically driven its apprenticeship training programme throughout the company’s long and distinguished history of investing in developing new young engineers - reaffirmed his commitment to the future of the programme and the youngsters engaging in it by saying that “These young persons are our future workforce and every one has the potential to become a Manager or even a Director in one of our worldwide operational centres, so it is imperative that we help them succeed in their chosen field in every way we can. We wish them every success in their careers with us”.

Score Group plc are leaders in the provision of Intelligent Valve and Gas Turbine Solutions to the Offshore Oil & Gas, Subsea and Wellheads, Petrochemical, Energy and Marine Markets. They are currently recruiting for their August 2012 Apprentice intake. If you are interested in joining their award winning apprenticeship programme, please contact Jenna Buchanan at Score (Europe) Limited on 01779 482217 or applications@score-group.com or apply via our website at www.score-group.com/careers/modern-apprenticeship.php for further information, contact 01779 482217 or email HR@score-group.com.

Score Cowdenbeath Get Visit from Local School

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he staff and pupils from Lochgelly High schools special needs class send their thanks and appreciation following their recent visit to our facility. As you may notice from the photograph some of the pupils are holding flowers, this allowed Jack O’Hagan to demonstrate his “party piece” of freezing the flowers in our Cryogenic area with liquid nitrogen and then to their amazement shattering the petals. The visit is an excellent way of interacting with the local community and is beneficial for the pupils, school staff and ourselves.

Score Europe Rolls Out New Modern Apprenticeship Opportunities

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core Europe is happy to announce the creation and implementation of a Modern Apprenticeship programme in Materials Management & Warehousing. This training scheme enables the successful candidates to gain valuable experience whilst gaining a recognised qualification. The candidates will be given full work based training towards the achievement of an SVQ Level 2 Warehousing and Storage qualification relating to all aspects of Material Management within warehousing functions.

The successful candidates will be trained in manual handling, customs awareness, overhead crane/banksman slinging, company database, product awareness, logical material management systems, cataloguing programme, Microsoft product awareness and application, packaging requirements and forklift – counter balance and reach trucks as a minimum.

We have generated these apprenticeships to emphasise our commitment to the local community and to increase the skill base within our materials departments as the company is constantly expanding. We have set forth in motion, a plan to employ a total of six trainees in 2012 to follow this new pathway and in addition we are aiming to offer a number of senior materials staff with the same qualification opportunities.

For further information, contact 01779 482217 or email HR@score-group.com.

“There are a limited number of Summer Vacancies available in Peterhead ideally suited for students currently studying for a degree in the area of Engineering or Business. This would be a fantastic opportunity for someone to gain valuable and worthwhile work experience in their field of study. If you know of any friends or relatives interested then please contact the HR Department to let us know.”

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Far Travelled Apprentice - Simon Donald

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At the start of 2012 I did my RGIT. I haven’t been offshore yet but I am sure this wont be long. Initially when I left the Training Centre I always thought that I was just going to work in the machine shop, but over the years I have began to think that travelling abroad and working offshore is what I want to do more of.

In 5 years time I would like to have obtained a HND and gone to University to complete a degree in Mechanical Engineering. On completion of this I would hope to have progressed at Score. Working for Score allows you ample opportunities. If you are willing to work and be enthusiastic then Score will give you many opportunities to learn, better yourself, go abroad and work offshore.

Meet the Director - Anita McRobbie

An update from the Constant Systems Team...

Richard Mallabar - Works Director

In early January Constant Systems Inc. exhibited at its first show of 2012. Over 1,000 participants gathered at the legendary Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego, California for CHI’s 11th Annual PepTalk event. From attendees, to exhibitors, speakers, and sponsors, this year’s conference was another great success for all involved. Constant Systems has been attending this show for several years now and we have found that it allows us a great opportunity to meet new and existing customers from around the globe.

This year Constant Systems received many customers to its booth during the week long conference and recorded interest from over twenty different parties.

Customers.....

Over the past two years we have been working closely with a University in Slovakia who have been trying to locate funding for one of our systems. Despite visiting them and working to their requirements, they simply could not secure the funds. Determined that we have one of our customers, our customer applied year after year in an attempt to succeed, they were confident that they would get there and continued to tell us that they would achieve this. Well last month we received news that we had won the tender so they are now able to move forward in purchasing our system. We are delighted with the efforts that were put into achieving this, and are honoured to know that our system was fought for. This will be our second sale into Slovakia in two years.

Very soon we expect an invitation to participate in a tender for the ‘Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology’ in Poland, this institute has also been fighting for funds for our system. This has been an ongoing process between us for some time now so we are confident that we will succeed here. This customer was recommended to us by an existing user at the ‘International Institute of Toxicology’ and this process was exactly the same. The process is expected to take 2-3 months so we will update you in our next newsletter.

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I enjoyed my time in Canada immensely and it opened my eyes to realise that Peterhead and the North Sea isn’t the only place that can produce millions of gallons of oil a day. I left for my trip to Tunisia on the 11th March. The team there were welcoming and friendly, and we had a few cracking nights out.

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My name is Martyn Gatt I am 19 years old and started working for Score in 2009. After my first year at the training centre I was placed in the machine shop for just over a year then I was moved into the drawing office at Score Energy where I am now permanently placed. I am still enjoying my apprenticeship and can’t wait until I am timed served.

Relationship status? Under the thumb

When I was little I wanted to be…..? Car Mechanic

Live where? Fraserburgh

What’s the best advice you have ever been given? Never take anything for granted

And worst? Just do the bare minimum to get by in life.

Favourite film? Don’t really have one, lots of favourites

Last DVD bought? Can’t remember

Are you interested in sports? Was a lot before I started at Score, lost interest after a while

If you could ask someone a question who and what would you ask? I would ask Bill Gates if he could spare a few billion

If you could be anyone for a day who would you be and why? The stig (Top Gear) couldn’t think of anything more exciting than driving round a race track all day

Who’s the most famous person you have met? Billy Connolly

Who’s been your greatest inspiration? My dad

What could you not live without? My phone

What’s on your iPod or MP3? Music

What really annoys you at work? Incompetence

What makes you smile? Gregor and Elsie, with their innocent remarks and unconditional love

What advice would you give to someone still at school that wanted to become an Engineering or Administration Trainee? No matter where you work, or what role you fulfil, make sure you enjoy what you are doing / training to do. Always work hard, and seize every opportunity you are given. You make your own luck.
In Memory of Dick (the Dummy)

Richard (aka Dick the Dummy), age unknown, lived in a last known resident of Wellbank, Peterhead sadly passed away on Monday 12th March 2012. Dick stood in the line of force and was fatally injured. Although emergency services were called to the scene, he could not be revived. Richard moved to the Peterhead area within the last 2 years after he was head hunted by Score for his expertise and knowledge in highly dangerous yet controlled condition scenarios. Dick has no surviving parents or siblings and to our knowledge was not married unless he was leading some double life. He is however very sadly missed by everyone who knew him during his short time with us at Score and was “one of the family”. He is especially missed by our HS & Manager who expended a lot of time and effort to persuade him to join us, and also our video team who are now a man down. He was always up for a challenge and although said very little to his workmates and at times seemed rather stiff to get on with, he was always one of the team.

In a recent frank discussion with him, he emotionally pointed out his biggest disappointment was the fact that people don’t scare a few people by standing in a dark room when they enter and put on the lights to be confronted by him.

Dick will not be forgotten. It is known that he had signed the organ donor scheme and it is hoped that his limbs may go to good use in the future.

Due to this, the work will continue in the very near future. Memorial service is a private affair and it is kindly requested that no

Managing Your Mailbox

The email system continues to grow through time. It is understandable that emails are required to be kept. Barring up the servers and data is a continual and costly process. The larger the servers and mail boxes grow and longer it takes to carryout a recovery should there be a disaster. The email system is for business purposes and should be used as such. Managing your emails effectively can make a significant difference when multiplied by the number of people using the system. Can everyone please review your mail box and carry out the following:

E-mail

Do’s
Do to create a top level folder called Correspondence. File all emails which you wish to keep within folders under Correspondence. Do daily or Weekly - delete all items in the “Sent Items” folder. Do daily or Weekly - delete all items in “Deleted Items”
Do try to limit the number of messages in the “In Box” to a maximum of 750
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Do not send joke emails to your friends – this is akin to a chain letter
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Score Group plc Host Peterhead Energy Hub

Score Group was delighted to host the latest business meeting of the Peterhead Energy Hub Partnership at their Wellbank site on Monday 27th February. Peterhead Energy Hub is a hub owned and managed by various companies in the Peterhead area including Score Group plc, Aberdeen Port Authority, ASCO, Ballif & Buchan College, Dales Marine, Aquatic, Atrocio and a number of other established businesses.

The aim of Peterhead Energy Hub is to build on our established success in the oil and gas industry and become recognised as a centre of excellence for the renewable, decommissioning and subsea industries.

This latest consultation was to discuss promotional activities for the Hub with a few invited guests. Conrad Ritchie, member of the forum and Deputy Managing Director of Score (Europe) Limited said following the meeting, “Score Europe was happy to host this latest meeting. We were given the opportunity to present Score as a company to the assembled guests, with the presentation focusing on current and future capital projects of Score with a strong emphasis on the local economy and training.” Score Group will continue to support this initiative for the foreseeable future.

Score Group Locations Go Digital

Two more Score Group locations have enhanced their reception areas by installing digital signage systems. Score TransCanada, based in Edmonton enhanced their reception with messages, weather and news via RSS feeds, all packaged with corporate styling. Systems can also be programmed to display different information at set times of a day. This has not been implemented in the Score systems to date although currently being investigated more fully. Being web-based, it allows design or design changes to be implemented easily meaning there is no need for remote location to be trained to use the software, all changes can be made from Score's headquarters.

Similar systems are already in operation at Score Europe and Score Energy, Peterhead as well as Score Europe, Brighouse.

Score TransCanada Screen Shot

A Warm Welcome to Our Canadian Facility

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Emptying Your Deleted Items Folder

This is achieved simply by right clicking on the “Deleted Items” folder and selecting “Empty Deleted Items Folder”

REMEMBER: Emails are electronic and do consume computer disk space which costs money and requires management. Please manage your emails as you would with any paper filing system.

Your email system is a monitored company tool and should be treated with respect for business.

Please complete the modules below if you haven’t already done so.

MTM-588-1 Managing your Mailbox (9m)
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MTM-588-3 Managing your Mailbox (2m)
**World Challenge Sponsor Plea**

World Challenge is an organisation which provides students with the once in a lifetime opportunity to visit an undeveloped country in over 50 destinations in Africa, Asia, South East Asia, Pacific, South America and Central America.

Natasha Craighead pupil of Peterhead Academy has been selected to take part in an expedition to Costa Rica and Nicaragua in June 2013; she will be taking part in project work and also a challenging Trek. Natasha contacted Score Europe in hope of sponsorship / donations for the funding required. Score (Europe) Limited being an International company and strong believer of encouraging development of under developed countries agreed that this was an amazing opportunity and were willing to assist. Score (Europe) Limited therefore made a donation to Natasha which they hope will help her on her journey.

A total of £1900 has been raised so far and following fundraising events will be organised in the new year including a quiz night and a tribute to the stars evening. All at Score Europe would like to wish Natasha the best of luck on her expedition and we will receive her feedback on the expedition when she returns next year.

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**Score Europe Reduces Environmental Impact**

Score (Europe) Limited is continually looking at initiatives in order to reduce its environmental impact. One of these efforts is in paper recycling. A companywide campaign engages all personnel in the recycling scheme. This is then recycled into low grade paper thus conserving the environment.

Due to using recycled paper there is less need for trees being cut down with the amount of paper we produced. The saving resulted in 129 trees being saved from destruction in 2011.

Score (Europe) Limited views its role within the environment very seriously and is always looking at other initiatives for continuous improvement. Other items that are in the recycling scheme include cardboard, plastics, glass and selected metals.

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**Bobby Grillon Certified from BloodHound**

Bobby Grillon currently working at Score Energy in Peterhead has worked with the company for 12 years in the capacity of Avon Chief Inspector and currently as a turbine trainee. Prior to working at Score Bobby worked for 25 years at the Rolls Royce factory in East Kilbride as an inspector working with Spey and Avon military engines and also Olympus engines. With a passion for jet engines and gas turbines Bobby is a supporter of the British based BloodHound SSC team. This is the team that currently holds the current world land speed record and are looking next year to break the 1,000mph barrier with a new car they are developing using a EUROJET EJ200 engine as used in the Eurofighter Typhoon along with a rocket engine.

As a supporter of this project Bobby has received a certificate and will have his name on the car tail fins when it does world record run in South Africa next year.
Administation Trainees Overwhelmed with Quiz Night Success

The 2012 January intake of admin trainees at the Training Centre held a quiz night in the Palace Hotel in Peterhead for Cancer Research, as part of their training course. This involved phoning possible venues to hold the quiz, phoning local businesses to donate raffles, writing letters and working as a team. They also sold toffee, all made home baking and served teas during the quiz which involved a lot of work. The topics and questions for the quiz were made up by the trainees and a local quiz master was on hand to contribute to the smooth running of the evening.

The quiz took place on Friday 23rd March 2012 and a fantastic £906.77 was raised which will be officially handed to the representative of Cancer Research UK on Tuesday 3rd April where he will visit the Training Centre to meet the trainees and collect the cheque.

The trainees would like to thank everyone who contributed to make the night the success it was and enjoyed the experience of running a great event to help a very good and worthwhile cause.