Opportunities in the UK Energy Sector

0900–1030: Oil & Gas Opportunities in the UK’s North Sea

Speakers:

Karen Bell
Her Majesty’s Consul General, Houston

Karen took up her posting in Houston in July 2015. As Consul General, she has overall responsibility for leading the UK’s engagement in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico. Karen’s business priorities and responsibilities include developing political ties between the UK and the consular district; enhancing trade and investment partnerships; promoting science and innovation links and supporting the delivery of consular services to the many British nationals who have made the region their home. A career diplomat, Karen joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the 1980s.

Stuart Payne
Director of HR & Supply Chain, Oil and Gas Authority

Stuart Payne leads the OGA’s HR function as well as the authority’s work with the UK service sector, supporting MER UK as well as exports; all as part of Vision 2035. Stuart co-chairs the industry’s Supply Chain & Exports Task Force and is a member of the Scottish Government’s Oil and Gas Industry Leadership Group. Stuart joined the OGA in January 2015 having held a variety of leadership positions in the oil and gas industry in the UK and overseas. Most recently Stuart was the Group HR & IT Director for Dana Petroleum, based in Aberdeen, UK before which he was the Vice President of HR for Shell’s Exploration, Commercial & New Business organisation based in Houston, Texas. Stuart is a Non-Executive Director of the Brightside Trust and a member of the National Advisory Board of Barnardos Scotland.
Rogerio Mendonca  
Vice President – Flexible Pipe Systems  
(Wellstream) - OFE

Rogerio joined GE in 2000 and held several positions within the Transportation and Mining business, becoming the Latin America President and CEO in 2013. Moving to the Oil & Gas division 2 years later, he led the Latin America operations driving the organization into a very strategic moment, managing the business and the customers’ relationships through the cycle and supporting the organization in the process of transition to the Baker Hughes, a GE Company. In July 2017, Rogerio was appointed as Vice President of the Flexible Pipe Systems global business based in the UK.

Mark Priest, PhD, BSc, CEng  
External Advisor to the UK’s Department for International Trade

Mark is an energy and engineering advisor to the UK’s Department for International Trade in London. In this role he supports the British Government’s engagement with corporations and investors around the world who are seeking to do business with the UK.

Mark has worked in engineering and corporate R&D for 30 years with positions at BP, Boeing, and Dow Chemicals. During his time with BP he was project director for new technology in BP Corporate R&D.

Mark is also founder and CEO of Harrogate Partners Ltd which began in 2006. In addition, Mark holds positions as a technology commercialisation advisor with Cambridge University, with the European Commission and a number of European VC funds together with several non-executive directorships. Mark has a PhD and BSc in Materials Science and lives and works in Cambridge, UK.
Ian Phillips has over 30 years’ experience in the upstream oil and gas industry, including 18 years with oil operating companies (Shell, BP, Marathon and Ramco) and 6 years with a major service company (Halliburton). He worked up from being a reservoir engineer involved in exploration and field development projects to being a Project Director responsible for full field development programmes.

Since September 2014 he has been the Chief Executive of OGIC – the Oil and Gas Innovation Centre – a Scottish government backed research funding agency that is entirely demand-led. OGIC provides grants to support company-led research and development in Scottish Universities. Ian is the chairman of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Aberdeen Section and of the OAA Organising Committee. He is also Chair of Young Enterprise in Grampian.

He obtained an M.Eng. in Petroleum Engineering from Heriot Watt University in 1983, and an MBA through the Open University in 1994. He is also a Fellow of the UK Energy Institute and is a Chartered Petroleum Engineer.
1100–1200: Transferable Opportunities From Oil & Gas to Offshore Wind

Speakers:

Ross Tyler
Executive Vice President, US Business Network for Offshore Wind

Tyler provides Strategy and Development oversight to the Network. He has market development expertise, including a 10-year focus on renewable energy sectors specializing in offshore wind. His career has included management positions with both government and private organizations as well as directing programs that build partnerships spanning US and international relationships. Previously, Mr. Tyler was principal consultant for IPF Consulting and further leveraged his marketing channels and supply chain experience in his subsequent roles as director for Delaware’s Department of Business and Economic Development under Governor Ruth Ann Minner and director of clean energy under Maryland’s Governor Martin O’Malley. Mr. Tyler spent two years working internationally with the Sustainable Energy Finance Initiative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) where he gained insights and experience into different national public funded practices in establishing renewable energy generation and the respective supply chains. Mr. Tyler earned his BSc from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, and his MBA from the University of Kent, UK.

Amanda C. Duhon
Regional Director, North & Central America

Ms. Duhon heads the Houston office adding value to EIC members across the region, by fostering key industry relationships, identifying business opportunities, both CAPEX and OPEX across upstream, midstream, downstream Oil & Gas, and Power Nuclear and Renewables, and promoting EIC Members’ interest.

Prior to joining the EIC, Amanda was Director, Business Development North America with Trade & Investment Queensland, Australia. She played an integral role in the establishment of the North America office working with senior management to establish its regional and sector strategy. From 2010 to 2014, Amanda was Vice Consul (Energy, Environment & Infrastructure with the Department for International Trade (formally UK Trade & Investment), at the British Consulate-General Houston. Previous to these roles, Ms. Duhon was a Senior Policy Analyst.

Among her accomplishments, Amanda played an integral role in founding a non-profit microfinance institution in 2007, focusing on non-traditional forms of lending to small-
business entrepreneurs around the world; now serving on organisation’s Advisory Board, with key industry stakeholders including a Nobel Laureate. She is a Board Member of the British American Business Council of Houston, an Advisory Board Member of the Center for International Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston, the KMC Committee CoChair for the International Society of Mexico Energy, and other industry groups.

Carlos St. James
Director of Strategic Development, Clean Energy - Americas at Wood

With over 27 years’ experience David is a recognised and trusted Director in the renewables industry and has successfully delivered a high number of major offshore wind projects since 2005. He is responsible for driving the synergies of Wood’s global clean energy capabilities and leveraging the European skillsets into the US market to support offshore wind project development, execution and operations. David will further expand Wood’s reach across the US market in offshore wind and continue the rapid growth of Wood’s offshore wind business.

David Nemetz
President, Tele-Fonika Cables Americas
Director for the Americas, JDR Cables Inc.

A graduate of the University of St. Thomas with a Master’s Degree in Business Administration in 2000 and Louisiana State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil/Environmental Engineering in 1995, David joined the Tele-Fonika Group as the Director for the Americas with JDR Cables Inc. in January 2018. In October 2018 David was promoted to President of Tele-Fonika Cables America in addition to his role at JDR Cables Inc. David is responsible for the Tele Fonika Kable Group business across the Americas including Specialty Cable Markets, Offshore Renewable Wind and Oil and Gas Products and Services. David has over twenty three (23) years’ experience in the Energy industry with key leadership roles in both Operators and OEM Product and Service companies. David is chartered with leading the establishment of the Tele-Fonika Kable Group via his executive leadership roles in JDR Cables Inc. and Tele Fonika Cable Americas as a major player in the US Offshore Renewables market where he is leveraging the market leading position established by TFK and JDR LTD in Europe over the past decade.
Stephanie Milne  
Senior Environmental Manager, RPS Group

Stephanie is a graduate in Wildlife Biology and Environmental Resource management with 18 years’ experience in consultancy for the offshore energy industry. She joined RPS in 2006, as a Marine Environmental Consultant, providing protected species expertise to academia and industry. She currently leads the America’s Offshore Renewable Energy team and manages the RPS Americas Protected Species division. Her group is responsible for developing and implementing monitoring and mitigation strategies for offshore industry activities. She oversaw the development of and currently manages the largest industry-held, global protected species observer data repository, the GIS-database, PSOMap.

Ian Griffiths  
General Manager & Vice President, SMD

SMD have an enviable reputation over the past 48 years for designing and manufacturing remotely-operated underwater machines such as trenchers, ROVs, crawlers and ploughs to the Telecoms, Oil & Gas, Mining, Salvage, Scientific and Renewables markets. Based on kilometres trenched, no other manufacturer’s equipment has protected more of the world’s underwater cables, pipes and umbilicals. Since graduating Ian has worked in the offshore market for 27 years, the last 20 of which have been in the subsea sector; primarily in the construction and integrity & protection of risers, flowlines and cables. Having worked for SMD for 15 years, he now works for Tilman Solutions in Houston and represents SMD in North America.

Jim Bell  
CEO – Found Ocean

Jim started his engineering career in 1989 with the Wimpey Construction Group. He worked in various heavy civil construction projects before moving to Wimpey's offshore construction division. He then spent 3 years as a client engineer on London Underground's Jubilee Line Extension Project, following which he was recruited by Oil States Industries where he worked
as EMEA Sales Manager. In 2005 Jim moved to FoundOcean as Managing Director where he has implemented major strategic changes resulting in a significant expansion of the business. These changes include international expansion, research and investment in new plant, a 500% increase in employee numbers, leading to a 10-fold increase in revenues.

Jim has been involved with numerous technically challenging projects including the Woodside North Rankin B jacket installation, Thornton Bank Wind Farm, BP CATS pipeline repair, ConocoPhillips Ekofisk strengthening, Exxon Diana Truss Spar riser system and Umm Shaif Gas Development project.

Jim holds a degree in civil engineering from London’s City University.