Director appointment heralds new phase of growth for Titan Torque

Expansion plans for Aberdeen-based BHA specialist

Specialist offshoreequipment provider Titan Torque Services has appointed a director of businessdevelopment to spearhead its next phase of growth in the North Sea market andinternationally.

Bruce Jepps appointmentrepresents the latest strategic step forward for the Aberdeen-based company,which provides pre-made drilling assemblies and innovative drill bit protectionequipment.

Formed in 2008, Titan hasalready experienced significant growth and was formally recognised earlier thisyear for its innovative approach to product development.

Managing Director KeithGaskin says: It is great to bring someone with Bruces experience and industryknowledge on board at a time when we are looking to broaden both our serviceprovision and customer base.

Our success to date hasbeen based upon offering cost-effective services and products that enhanceoperational efficiency and safety for our customers, and Bruce, with hisintimate knowledge of our specific market sector, will now play a key role inmaintaining that momentum.

Bruce (39), who has joinedTitan from a globally-operating oil service company, has extensiveinternational experience across a range of industry disciplines. He began hiscareer in roles which involved pipeline and process operations, includingpressure testing, purging and commissioning of offshore pipeline assets.

The MSc graduate in offshoreengineering from The Robert Gordon University most recently worked in drillingand applications engineer roles, latterly in technical sales.

"This is an exciting time tobe joining Titan, which has already forged a prominent place in the marketbecause of its dynamic and progressive philosophy, says Bruce. Im lookingforward to playing my part in its development as we look to extend both ourbottomhole assembly service provision and the deployment of our drill bitprotector equipment.

In particular we arecommitted to finding ways to perform even more drill assembly operationsonshore and thus yield greater safety and efficiency gains for the industry.

Titans specially-designeddrill bit protector won the innovation award at the 2010 Grampian Awards forBusiness Enterprise and the product is already widely used by a number of NorthSea operators.

The company has recentlydoubled the size of its facility in Aberdeens East Tullos Industrial Estate to10,000sq ft to manage its growth, and anticipates its workforce will increasefrom six to 10 by the end of 2010.

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