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SUBSEA SECTOR CENTRAL TO FISHER OFFSHORE'S FUTURE PLANS

Continued innovation in the subsea sector will be a key part of Fisher Offshore's strategy for 2014 as the company expands its integrated services.

In addition to the core business areas of winch and marine crane provision, the firm's subsea tooling and excavation expertise is a vital component in building on a business with firm foundations as a specialist in lifting and deck machinery.

The ability to bring all of the firm's services together enables Fisher to offer fully engineered turnkey solutions to meet a diverse range of industry challenges.

Subsea tooling is one of the major growth areas for the firm in 2014, with the skill and efficiency of the workshop team enabling rapid turnaround and maximum flexibility in providing equipment for an array of operations. Investment throughout the past year has expanded the rental range and has also ensured the firm remains at the cutting edge of the sector.

Fisher Offshore's Hydrodigger will remain central to the excavation provision. The system is a non-contact method of trenching which produces low velocity, high volume flow generation. It comes complete with its own launch and recovery system and can also be hired alongside optional jetting systems to break up harder soil surfaces.

The Hydrodigger is capable of carrying out a range of work including pipeline burial and de-burial, excavation of subsea structures, rock dump removal, sand wave levelling and visibility enhancement for pre and post survey activities – putting Fisher at the forefront of the specialist field.

Jack Davidson, operations director of Fisher Offshore, said: "Our strength is the ability to pull together our specialist services, products and skills to offer those in a package which enables us to provide turnkey solutions worldwide. The business has a valuable North Sea track record but our reach extends far beyond that and continues to grow month by month in every key region of the energy industry.

"We have a significant investment programme scheduled for 2014 to build on the expansion of the equipment inventory in the past year. Our subsea tooling and excavation capabilities will continue to be enhanced and we are in an excellent position to respond quickly and efficiently to support projects globally."

The commitment to leading the pack has earned international recognition through the ISO 9001 award for quality standards, the ISO 14001 accreditation for environmental practices and OHSAS 18001 for health and safety through the global certification body DNV.

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