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Offshore Decommissioning Conference

- Integrating and expanding regional capabilities for decommissioning in the North Sea

Tuesday 5 October

- **Evening Drinks Reception**
Informal drinks and canapés in private room
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Wednesday 6 October

Chairmen's Welcome

Paul Dymond, Oil & Gas UK and Brian Nixon, Decom North Sea

SESSION 1 Decommissioning in the North Sea – Lessons Learned and Possibilities for the Future

- **Keynote Address**
 - **Market Overview**
Mike Tholen, Economics & Commercial Director, Oil & Gas UK
 - **Cost Estimating Guidelines**
Iain Riach, Wood Group Engineering (North Sea) Ltd
 - **Panel Session**
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- **Perceptions of the Decommissioning Market Place**
 - **Operator's Perspective**
Chris Gray, ConocoPhillips
 - **Consolidating Contractor's Perspective**
Torleif Gram, Aker Solutions
 - **Supplier's Perspective**
Will Rowley, The Acteon Group
 - **Panel Session**
 - **The North Sea Cost and Safety Challenge**
- for discussion in the contracting strategy workshop session
Gunther Newcombe, BP
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SESSION 2 Workshop on Contracting Strategies

Decommissioning projects are complex, calling for an equitable balance of the risks (safety, environment, cost, and reputation) and rewards. Additional factors such as interface management, economic benefits and technical challenges all add to the complexity.

During the summer of 2010, two teams of Oil & Gas MBA students at The Robert Gordon University (each with oil and gas industry experience) are considering various contracting models and analysing the pros and cons, challenges and opportunities of each combination.

At the conference, three key decommissioning contracting strategies which will be identified in the students' research will be introduced to the conference delegates. They will have the opportunity to consider each option in turn, discuss and debate the strategy, and contribute to a final analysis before reporting back to the plenary on this vitally important topic.

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- **Thanks and Close of Day**
Paul Dymond, Operations Director, Oil & Gas UK

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- At the end of Wednesday 6 October, delegates and speakers are encouraged to attend the **conference dinner** at the venue (included in the conference fee).

After dinner entertainment will be provided by **Mark Beaumont**; a cyclist who has recently risen to fame after his television documentary 'Cycling the Americas' was broadcast by the BBC.

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SESSION 3 Workshop on the Decommissioning Supply Chain Within the UK

- **Overview of Supply Chain Mapping Work**
Brian Nixon, Decom North Sea

Following a short introductory presentation from Decom North Sea highlighting the results of the supply chain mapping work, delegates will once again be split into smaller groups to hear more about four specific sectors of the decommissioning supply chain:

1. Platforms
2. Wells
3. Subsea
4. Onshore Disposal

Each sector will be represented by spokespersons that will cover the following areas:

- Overview of the sector
- The key players within the UK supply chain
- Sector's capabilities, currently and in development
- Regional deployment
- Technological challenges

Delegates will be encouraged to challenge and discuss what is said about each sector in order to capture ideas on how each should be developed to meet future industry demands.

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SESSION 4 The Forward Agenda for Decommissioning

- **Introduction to SUT and the Linkage of Salvage and Decommissioning Activities**
Moya Crawford, Society of Underwater Technology (SUT)
- **Introduction to ITF and Collaborative Technology Projects**
David Liddle, Industry Technology Facilitator (ITF)
- **Introduction to OGP and the International Decommissioning Agenda**
John Campbell, International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (OGP)
- **Contracting Strategy Approaches within the Nuclear Industry**
Simon Coles, Babcock International Group

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SESSION 5 Conference Reflections

- **Round table discussions:**
 - **So what next?**
 - **Questions and comments**
 - **Interactive discussion between delegates to identify the key areas and work programmes that the industry needs to address for the coming years.**

- **Followed by a panel session where delegates will be encouraged to challenge and question a group of senior industry representatives:**
 - Bill Cattanach, DECC
 - Brian Nixon, Decom North Sea
 - Gunther Newcombe, BP
 - John Campbell, OGP
 - Paul Dymond, Oil & Gas UK

- **Response, Thanks and Close**
Brian Nixon, Decom North Sea and Paul Dymond, Oil & Gas UK

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