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PETROFAC TRAINING HELPS CUSTOMERS UNDERSTAND IMPACT OF TRAINING STANDARD CHANGES

New offshore safety training standards come into effect today aimed at enhancing the free movement of workers in the offshore industry across Europe.

Oil & Gas UK together with the chief executives of three other national oil and gas associations (OLF (Norway), NSOC-D (Denmark) and NOGEPA (Netherlands)) agreed to harmonise a number of offshore safety training standards in the UK, Norway, the Netherlands and Denmark.

Since the announcement on October 10, 2007, Petrofac Training has produced an information booklet that will help its customers understand these changes and how they may impact on them. Petrofac Training has also been operating under the new guidelines since Monday, October 29.

The main impact of the changes is the reduction of the training time required for delegates wishing to work within the Norwegian sector of the North Sea. As from today, what was previously a 5-day course requirement (OLF) will reduce to a 3-day commitment (Universal BOSIET) to work in all sectors and the refresher course (Universal FOET) will also reduce from 2.5 days to 1.5 days.

A half-day European Module can be undertaken with an existing in-date BOSIET or FOET to convert the validity of these certificates to Europe-wide as opposed to UK only.

Operations Manager (Europe) Gordon Caird said: "Petrofac Training supports the changes, which will standardise training for personnel working in the European oil & gas sector. The new guidelines will ensure consistency and allow for greater flexibility for offshore workers.

"I am pleased to say that Petrofac Training is in a position to offer training to meet the new standards."

A copy of Petrofac Training's new offshore safety training portfolio can be obtained by visiting its website: www.petrofactraining.com

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