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£500,000 SAVINGS FOR OIL AND GAS SUPPLY CHAIN COMPANIES THROUGH BETTER ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Envirowise¹, the Scottish Government-funded resource efficiency programme retained Mabbett & Associates Ltd, Environmental Consultants and Engineers for the second year running to run the North East Oil and Gas Supply Chain Project, helping local companies to beat the credit crunch.

Service providers and contractors to the oil and gas industry identified through local business support organisations, enjoyed free assistance including on-site individual audits and group workshops to share best practice and benchmark their activities with others in the industry.

Companies involved included both large and small operators such as Aker Solutions; A&M Smith Skip Hire Ltd; Halliburton; and TWMA Ltd. A combined total of over £584,800 of cost savings have been identified through increased resource efficiency, energy efficiency, reduction of waste, increase of re-use, recycling and training staff.

The overarching aim of the project was to increase the overall environmental performance and identify associated cost savings for the companies involved. Mabbett & Associates Ltd were commissioned by Envirowise to project manage and carry out the supply chain project providing specialist external support and guidance to the participants. Mabbett & Associates Ltd staff assisted in identifying, and prioritising action areas in materials, waste and energy aspects as well as providing implementation support to include a comprehensive environmental improvement action plan, with follow-up assistance to help realise identified savings.

As an added spin-off benefit, Mabbett & Associates Ltd were able to team up with the other business support organisations in offering free energy audit support to companies. Often savings could be achieved with low-cost and no-cost measures, using simple ideas such as heating and air conditioning controls.

The project identified potential cost savings and environmental benefits for the nineteen (19) companies involved:

- £584,800 of potential cost savings through increased resource and waste minimisation;
- 395 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill;
- reduced paper consumption by 47 tonnes;
- reduced water consumption by 8,847 m³; and
- over 3,209 tonnes of CO₂ saved through greater energy efficiency.

¹ Note to reader: Envirowise delivers free, independent advice to U.K. businesses to assist companies to increase profitability and reduce environmental impact.



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The participants appreciated the opportunity to work together as an industry to identify and collectively tackle common issues and also assist other companies by sharing their experiences (TWMA Ltd): *“the opportunity to participate in an industry specific project like this has proved very useful, not only for the information gained via the individual audit but also from the chance to share experiences and be able to offer our assistance to a number of the other companies involved.”*

Additionally, there was keen interest and motivation shown by the participants to continue to drive improvement actions which has contributed to the success of project. As noted by one of the participating companies (Halliburton): *“The project has been an excellent prompt to continually carry out positive environmental actions.”*

Given that, the oil and gas industry is under increasing pressure to improve the environmental impact of their business operations; the supply chain project assisted such companies to proactively address the environmental impact from their business activities and at the same time, strengthen client-supplier relationships.

Mabbett & Associates Ltd services are not only available to established companies serving the oil and gas-fields in the North Sea, but also to exploration and business start-ups. Our expert staff have been retained by an Edinburgh-based environmental consultancy to deliver specialist Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Support to a new oilfield production facility through their London and Aberdeen-based operations. The EMS is currently going through ISO 14001 accreditation with auditing body LRQA in order to meet with offshore DECC requirements.

In both of the above mentioned projects, Mabbett & Associates Ltd, who are registered with First Point (FPAL) have assisted companies operating in the oil and gas sector to achieve a greater commercial and environmental opportunity to improve performance.

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