



DP training in KONGSBERG simulators at Kongsberg Maritime Ltd's Aberdeen training centre

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## Kongsberg Maritime: Kongsberg Maritime Ltd Seminar Demonstrates New DNV GL Dynamic Positioning Operator Training and Certification Scheme

Kongsberg Maritime Ltd, the UK subsidiary of global marine technology company Kongsberg Maritime, welcomed customers to its Aberdeen training centre on Thursday 30th June for a seminar on the future of Dynamic Positioning Operator (DPO) Training and Certification. Delegates from operators including Helix, V-Ships and Technip attended the seminar to find

out more about the new KONGSBERG Training and Certification Scheme for DP Operators, which is certified by DNV GL and recognised by the industry.

The seminar detailed how the KONGSBERG Training Scheme for DP Operators is a step-change in the critical area of DPO training, with teaching and assessor competence, and the use of advanced simulators forming the platform for training and certification. Themes of the seminar included training and certification of DP Operators on vessels and movable drilling units, presented by Capt. Aksel D. Nordholm of DNV GL SeaSkill™. KONGSBERG's Lars E. Rosenhaug Bjorset also gave a presentation detailing a practical way for educating and certifying DP Operators in accordance with the DNV GL standard for competence of DP Operators, ST 0023.

The final section and an optional part of the seminar involved a live DPO exam streamed from the in-house simulator facility to the meeting room, giving delegates a practical insight into KONGSBERG's established methods of DPO training and certification.

The seminar received positive feedback with participants interested in the intensive, time saving and competence assuring nature of the new scheme. Debbie Ross, HR Advisor from Helix said: "The DNV GL DP operator training seminar was very insightful, highlighting a new approach to DPO training and certification. The course schedule condensed into a short period and backed up by an exam looks like a practical approach to ensuring competence for safe and efficient DP operations when the trainees get to their vessels."

KONGSBERG's DPO Training and Certification Scheme with simulator training and exams has already successfully taken place in Norway, where the Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA) considers the DNV GL concept to be equivalent to the international recognised standards. Other flag states have also acknowledged the scheme as well. The first UK course is planned to take place in early autumn at Kongsberg Maritime Ltd's training facility in Aberdeen.

The scheme is based on a three-step program. Step-one focuses on gaining knowledge by covering theory and practical elements with significant time spent on cutting-edge KONGSBERG DP and offshore training simulators. Step-two is about gaining experience, and after logging the required sea-time, course participants will return to the training centre to complete their training. For step-three, participants can choose to gain training and

certification for specific DP operations - Offshore Loading, Drilling or Offshore Operations - all of which require the DPO to take an application specific exam. Step-three participants will benefit from highly specialised training in theory, and on application specific simulators. Experienced DPOs will have the option to renew their certificate and enter the scheme at step-three.

During the whole process, simulator and theoretical exercises are used to monitor student learning levels.

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## **About Kongsberg Maritime**

Kongsberg Maritime is a global marine technology company providing innovative and reliable technology solutions for all marine industry sectors including merchant, offshore, subsea and naval. Headquartered in Kongsberg, Norway, the company has manufacturing, sales and service facilities in 20 countries and a total of 65 worldwide offices.

Kongsberg Maritime developed systems for vessels cover all aspects of automation, control, navigation, safety and dynamic positioning. Kongsberg Maritime also develops subsea solutions covering systems for Underwater Mapping (UMAP), Underwater Navigation (UNAV), Subsea Monitoring (SUMO) and Marine Robotics in addition underwater cameras.

Marine and offshore training simulators, LNG equipment, information management software, position reference systems, integrated aquaculture technology and advanced products to support seismic and drilling operations are also part of the company's diverse portfolio.

In parallel with its extensive technology portfolio, Kongsberg Maritime provides services within EIT (Electro, Instrument & Telecom) engineering and system integration, on an EPC (Engineering, Procurement & Construction) basis.

Kongsberg Maritime delivers solutions that cover all aspects of technology underwater and on the water, aboard new build and retrofit vessels, and on offshore platforms and rigs, often under a single supplier strategy called The Full Picture.

Kongsberg Maritime is part of Kongsberg Gruppen (KONGSBERG), an international, knowledge-based group that celebrated 200 years in business during 2014. KONGSBERG supplies high-technology systems and solutions to customers in the oil and gas industry, the merchant marine, and the defence and aerospace industries.

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