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Corrosion management consultants launch upgraded system in Australia

INTERNATIONAL external corrosion management leader Metacor has appointed a new business development executive in Australia as it launches its newly-upgraded asset integrity system.

Business development executive Gail Bowditch, based in Perth, is leading Metacor's expansion in Australia and is already enjoying positive feedback from leading inspection service firms and operators.

Metacor 3 is a computerised, risk-based external corrosion management service which is used to plan the maintenance of platforms and other metal structures prone to external corrosion. The system allows customers to identify, prioritise and plan paint maintenance work on their assets to ensure asset integrity and is the first tool of its kind in the world.

The system is unique in that it can be fully managed online, assesses the risk of "loss of fitness for purpose" of asset parts to allow maintenance to be focussed specifically on integrity management, and provides risk-based maintenance and inspection work scopes.

"The company has developed a market-leading system through its unrivalled pool of external corrosion management expertise," said Gail Bowditch, who has experience in software development, data management and operations in the oil and gas industry in Australia.

"Our team of external corrosion specialists are able to provide expert consultancy to customers in addition to the unique Metacor monitoring tool, making us the leading provider in the field. Those operators we have already spoken to have acknowledged the need for an evidence-based approach to corrosion management allowing them to plan asset maintenance."

The newly upgraded Metacor 3 system now includes the capacity to record and plan corrosion work according to all the international corrosion scales, including Ri, Re, the American Petroleum Institute and proprietary scales.

A simplified input process has reduced the system set up costs for customers and the software now has additional scope to record ad-hoc observations, note where further inspection work is required and programme additional coating-related tasks into the work plan to provide an overall programme of work.

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Metacor managing director, Stuart Mortimer says: “Other than, of course, reduced cost installation, where Metacor 3 brings real benefits to the customer is that coatings information currently held in disparate systems can now be brought together and consolidated within the Metacor system and used to generate detailed workpacks which facilitate the accurate and cost-effective execution of any remedial works required.”

In the oil and gas sector Metacor provides corrosion monitoring services to major companies including Shell, Talisman and Hess.

The company, headquartered in Aberdeen, Scotland has taken on 25 new personnel in the last six months alone, during which time the software upgrade took place, to create one of the largest teams of corrosion engineers which includes qualified coating inspectors, surveyors and members of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE).

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About Metacor:

Metacor is a software tool that works by gathering information on the coatings and condition of each part of an asset and assessing the amount of corrosion it can safely undergo. Information is also gathered on the required asset life, constraints such as manning levels and the required level of maintenance. This data is then processed to predict when each part will require maintenance, calculate the critical corrosion loss and prioritise future maintenance needs. Lastly a detailed work plan is developed and clients given a fabric maintenance manual that puts them in control of coatings maintenance.

Metacor is totally independent and is not linked with any paint or fabric maintenance provider, allowing it to provide completely impartial advice to customers.