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Metacor working with CNR International on North Sea pilot project

CORROSION and coatings management specialist Metacor is developing systems for CNR International (UK) Limited (CNR) in the North Sea.

Metacor is the industry-leading system which predicts the risk of corrosion-related failure of assets, their lifespan and future maintenance requirements through detailed inspection and logging.

The Aberdeen-based firm is carrying out a full survey of conditions and a review of fabric maintenance operations on CNR's Murchison hub, in the northern North Sea.

Work packs detailing coatings requirements will be produced as part of the pilot project, which is worth around £40,000 to Metacor.

CNR has significant interests in the northern North Sea, around the Ninian and Murchison hubs, and the Banff/Kyle and Tiffany hub in the central North Sea.

Jim West, operations manager at Metacor, said: "CNR have engaged us to provide what is the classic Metacor service at Murchison – fully surveying the asset, planning corrosion maintenance and delivering highly detailed workpacks.

"The project allows CNR to evaluate the effectiveness of the Metacor approach, and will illustrate its full-service capability in allowing them to plan, budget, fulfil and monitor maintenance requirements in a number of scenarios."

Metacor already counts five of the major oil and gas exploration and production operators - BP, Shell, Talisman, Hess and Nexen – among its clients.

“Metacor can achieve cost savings projected up to 70% by avoiding last-minute remedial work or worst-case replacement scenarios, improving operational efficiency and lifespan,” adds Mr West.

“Our team of experts has wide-ranging experience and is recruited from across the spectrum of global industry. We have the largest pool of Nace-certified inspectors in Europe, who ensure work is completed accurately, cost effectively and in the minimum time possible.”

Based around a simple, fully-auditable computer software system, Metacor can be used in any environment in any global location. The system was developed to give asset managers the tools to keep corrosion under control.

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Metacor operates around a central database which logs the location and condition of every element (or group of elements) of an asset, with on-site inspections providing details of the level of corrosion present, including metal loss and pit depth.

The system can be as detailed or generic as required, and calculates the point at which the item's integrity will be compromised. The system predicts maintenance schedules by assessing the risks caused by corrosion, including the consequences of the asset failing, giving greater control over the future of the asset.

Based on the condition of the asset, environmental variables and operational requirements, Metacor will recommend the most suitable coating for the job. It also estimates cost, time and resource requirements for the work, taking into account the area to be treated, coating being used and access at the worksite.

Full online support is available through MetacorWeb – the system can be employed anywhere in the world with secure access to all data, logs and reports from remote locations.