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Metacor joins corrosion professionals at NACE seminar in Doha

MEMBERS of the Qatar chapter of global corrosion organisation NACE International heard a detailed presentation on the vital need for risk-based maintenance planning at an event in Doha recently.

The organisation's local vice president Rehan Ahmed invited leading external corrosion monitoring specialist Metacor to present their methodology to more than 30 Nace members at the Intercontinental Hotel on May 23.

Mark Dunham, technical director at Metacor, gave a presentation focussing on the firm's risk-based methodology for managing and scoping coatings maintenance over the life cycle of an asset.

He told the group that coatings maintenance should be regarded as a vital part of an asset's integrity system.

"Allowing unchecked deterioration of ferrous materials, which are the vital fabric of any oil and gas installation, will not only cause a costly build-up of external corrosion issues, but also risk corrosion-related failures and a reduction in safety."

Mr Dunham outlined the Metacor system's method of prioritising coatings maintenance by risk, producing work scopes and budgets focused on maintaining elements according to their risk ranking, covering the entire life of the asset.

Metacor, founded in the UK and headquartered in Aberdeen, is investigating a potential expansion into Qatar due to growing demand from industry in the world-leading LNG and oil producing region.

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“The buoyant oil and gas sector, coupled with an excellent communications and commercial centre makes Doha the ideal base from which to expand into the Middle East,” said Mr Dunham.

Mr Dunham and colleague Dereck Smith, Metacor inspection manager, held a question-and-answer session with delegates following their presentation.

Rehan Ahmed and Jeevanandam Shanmugam outlined the benefits of NACE International membership to delegates, including a sizeable online knowledgebase resource.

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Metacor was designed and first developed in 2000 by a team of engineers who believed there was a better way to organise and manage external corrosion and coatings maintenance.

The system is now being used by Shell, Talisman and a number of other major operators in the UK and the firm is investing heavily in Nace-certification for its inspection staff.

Metacor has had support in Qatar from local operator representatives and Stephan Mahieu, director of strategic business development with investment company Al-Khor & Dakira QCS (AKD).