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Metacor leads corrosion workshops at Offshore Europe

THE critical need to protect assets and improve safety in the offshore industry through corrosion management will be the centrepiece of a series of short presentations by global specialist Metacor, during Offshore Europe.

Statistics show 50% of oil and gas assets in the North Sea are more than 25 years old and in some cases already on the brink of their original predicted life in use.

Experts say the condition of parts of some of these assets is critical and can no longer be ignored and the UK Health and Safety Executive produced an “external corrosion guide” to highlight the seriousness of the issue and steps which can be taken to reduce asset failure risk and subsequent injury or loss of production.

Gail Bowditch, one of Metacor’s team of external corrosion monitoring and management experts, will present a guide to the industry’s fundamental need to tackle the issue.

The Australia-based business development manager, who has extensive experience of the global corrosion industry, will give short talks daily at Metacor’s stand (L9) at Offshore Europe, at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre from September 4 to 7.

Metacor itself is a computerised, risk-based external corrosion management service used to plan the maintenance of platforms and other metal structures prone to external corrosion.

“The risks of letting external corrosion compromise our assets are too high to be ignored,” says Stuart Mortimer, managing director of Metacor.

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“These sessions will provide an insight into the basic facts, including details of ‘corrosion allowances’, and measures which can be employed to control the problem including long-term planning and risk-assessment.”

Metacor allows oil and gas industry asset owners, operators and managers to identify, prioritise and plan paint maintenance work to ensure integrity and make optimum use of available resources.

The firm already is already providing corrosion management services to four majors - Shell, Talisman, Hess and Nexen.

“Basic corrosion prevention measures – principally protective coatings and painting – must become and remain a priority if serious repercussions are to be averted,” said Mr Mortimer.

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