

Press release

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Stork wins prestigious ‘Health, Safety & Environment’ award

Stork, the leading global provider of knowledge-based asset integrity services for the oil and gas, chemical and power sectors, has won the ‘Health, Safety & Environment’ award at the 2014 Offshore Contractors Association (OCA) Challenge Awards for its innovative Extended Reach Breathing Apparatus System (ERBAS).

The Health, Safety & Environment Award honours an individual or team who, have significantly contributed towards improvements in health, safety and the environment offshore. Stork was presented with the award last night (30 October) at the 18th OCA Challenge Awards annual ceremony held at the Marcliffe at Pitfodels Hotel and Spa in Aberdeen.

ERBAS is compact and easy to deploy inside confined spaces. As with traditional air supply methods, multiple refill stations are deployed throughout the exit route, however ERBAS replaces and improves upon the cylinder change out method by refilling the cylinder whilst still being worn by the operative. As the technology is lighter than conventional methods, it allows the operative to refill their air cylinder in less than 60 seconds in one simple connection. The refill stations also contain a failsafe of six cylinders.

ERBAS was developed by Stork’s breathing apparatus department, who identified a safety improvement for deep confined space operations, such as platform legs and FPSO tanks. Due to travelling distance inside these locations, conventional breathing systems cannot supply sufficient air to escape in an emergency.

The safety innovation’s concept was driven by Jamie Elliot, Breathing Apparatus Manager for Stork, who ensured a rigorous design, manufacture and testing process was followed so that ERBAS was approved to the highest industry safety standards and specifications.

Rod Agnew, Vice President of Service Delivery for Stork, said: “Winning this award is an excellent achievement for Stork and our Breathing Apparatus team. We are delighted that the energy industry

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has recognised our commitment to safety. The credibility of ERBAS has grown rapidly with the technology currently being used on North Sea installations. Plans are now in place to roll the technology out to further oil and gas fields and all future Leg entry and FPSO operations.

Jamie Elliot, Breathing Apparatus Manager: “We are thrilled to have won this award. Thanks to the excellent co-operation at Stork between our onshore and offshore teams we have been able to apply an innovative approach to make our confined space operations the safest in the industry. ERBAS has been one such significant development that delivers both greater efficiency whilst, improving employee safety.”

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About Stork

Stork aspires to be the leading global provider of knowledge-based asset integrity management services focusing oil & gas, petrochemical and power sectors. From concept through to execution, Stork aims to reduce risk, assure safety and improve asset performance for our customers to enhance their profits during the lifecycle of their assets.

With more than 185 years of experience and 13,500 employees worldwide (UK & Africa, the Americas, Continental Europe, Caspian, Middle East, Asia-Pacific), Stork provides integrated solutions in the areas of asset integrity; consultancy, maintenance concepts, inspections, repair, renovations, modifications, relocations and other related complex projects.

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