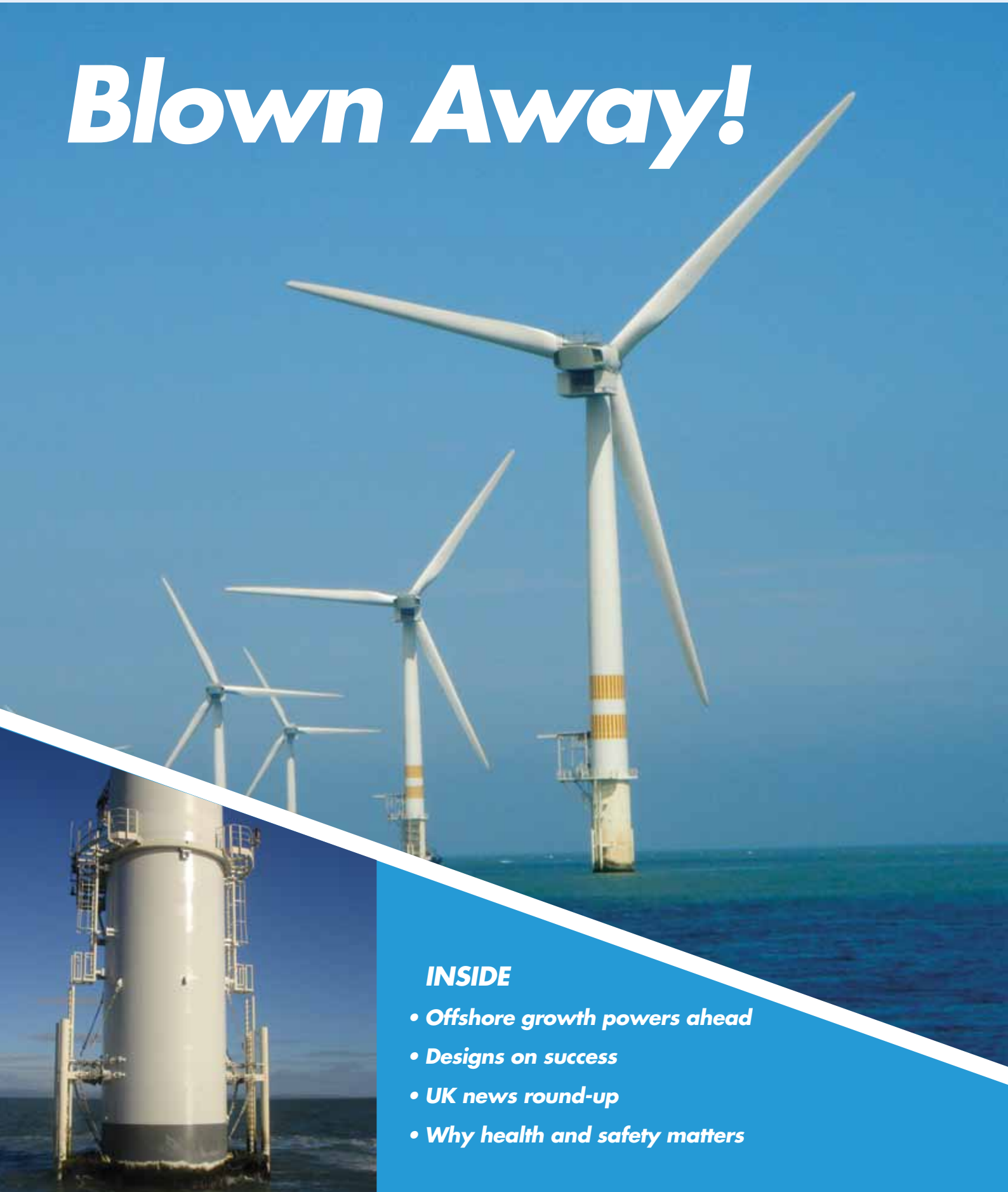


Blown Away!



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Welcome

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2012 from all at Pyeroy.

As we look forward, I would like to briefly reflect on 2011 which was topped off in great style with the completion of the painting work on the Forth Rail Bridge.

As you know, we have been involved in painting this structure, a testament to the longevity of Victorian engineering skill, for the last nine years, and our expertise and success will ensure the bridge remains in good shape for future generations to marvel at. We also finished repainting Tower Bridge; its new look appearance a fitting tribute to one of our most iconic structures as the capital gets ready to welcome the world to the London

2012 Olympics.

This coming year will also see work progress on painting the Royal Navy's new generation of QE aircraft carriers while several new ventures and partnerships will see us expanding the scope of services offered to our existing and new customers.

So, here's to a terrific 2012 and continued success for everyone.

Best regards

Hugh Pelham
Managing Director

Energy boost

Pyeroy has joined Energi Coast, a group formed by NOF Energy to promote the North East of England's significant offshore capability.

Energi Coast already includes another 23 offshore renewable supply chain companies and actively works to promote the region's extensive offshore renewable energy sector expertise around the world.

Turnover of members is forecast to double to more than £400m in offshore wind, which



North East England's Renewables Group

will have a significant impact on the region's economy and the supporting supply chain.

Pyeroy already works for several companies within the organisation and the move will

further reinforce our strong track-record of collaborative working and our commitment to further strengthening those partnerships serving the offshore renewables sector



New dockyard force shapes up

In the last issue of 'Pyeroy Post' we reported that Pyeroy had joined forces with facilities management company OCS to create a new joint venture company - Dockside Services (Devonport) Limited - to provide a range of ancillary services for Babcock Marine.

The scope of the DSDL work has now been confirmed and involves supplying scaffolding, painting and blasting, cleaning,

hot work sentries, confined space rescue, specialist cleaning and security.

Further investment has been made by Pyeroy in new office facilities, blasting equipment and IT systems to support the increased workload and infrastructure requirements in the South West.

Kevon Daymond, Pyeroy's regional director – south west, said: "The joint venture reflects how we are now working with supply chain partners to develop new ways of improving services to clients - in this case Babcock Marine and the Royal Navy.

"We will be supporting RN surface ships during refit and when alongside in times of planned maintenance, with individual projects ranging from £5,000 to £1 million plus."

Tanks a lot!

Work to apply specialist protective interior linings in biodiesel storage tanks at Seal Sands on Teesside has been completed ahead of schedule.

The work was finished in less than six weeks for Simon Storage which operates the tank facility on behalf of Harvest Energy, one of Europe's largest independent suppliers and blenders of motor fuels.

Scaffolding and internal access systems were installed to enable lining of five storage tanks with new protective coatings. The work involves the blast cleaning of internal surfaces to SA2.5 and the spray application of two 600-micron coats to the metalwork.

A specialist two-component glass flake vinyl ester coating system, specifically specified for the project, will provide a long lasting, hard wearing protective coating.



Harry Peek, business development director said: "We are delighted to have secured this contract. These are specialist coatings and their application requires considerable skills and expertise."

Navy salutes marine expertise

Pyeroy's Marine Division will be sailing on to further success this year after winning the latest contract to support the refit of the Royal Navy's Trafalgar-class nuclear submarine HMS Torbay.

HMS Torbay is currently undergoing a major maintenance and refit, which will

see her re-enter active service with the latest technological upgrades when complete.

The work, being undertaken at Babcock Marine's Devonport Royal Dockyard facility, involves skilled Pyeroy operatives providing access scaffolding and containment systems in and around the submarine while the vessel is in dock.

Jack Hayton, director of Pyeroy's Marine Division, said: "This is another major contract for the Royal Navy that showcases the expertise and workmanship of our workforce." And talking of naval matters...



Kent flood-up

Gordon Steele and Mark Asher are seen here (third and second from the right in the front row respectively) with Babcock Marine staff prior to the dock flooding up around HMS Kent at Rosyth.

The group gathered together earlier this year to mark completion of the dry dock period for the refit of the Royal Navy's Type

23 Frigate which is at the Scottish yard undergoing a major refit commissioned by the MoD.

HMS Kent has been undergoing a number of significant upgrades as part of a substantial multi million pound refit by Babcock Marine at Rosyth, which will see the ship remain in active service for another five years.

Gas alert

Historic Scotland has brought in Pyeroy to refurbish one of the world's oldest gas storage vessels.

The structure at the National Gas Museum in Biggar, South Lanarkshire, was one of the first telescopic vessels of its type to be built for storing and distributing heating and lighting gas to Scottish homes and has been an interesting visitor attraction for years.

Now Pyeroy is underway on-site grit blasting both the outside and inside of the iron vessel before applying a new coating that will provide longer lasting protection.

"Once again our expertise in highly specialised refurbishment work, together with a cost effective solution, has paid dividends in winning this unique project."

Alex Brown, regional director – Scotland

In Focus

Feature

Each issue we look at the work of the different departments that enable Pyeroy to deliver the highest standards of service to customers across the UK and beyond. Here, the focus is on Pyeroy's expert team in the **Technical Department** who regularly have designs on reaching new heights of innovation and safety.



Question: What do a former professional footballer and a time served carpenter have in common? **Answer:** Both are integral parts of a highly skilled and resourced in-house design team which can be brought to bear for clients looking for added value solutions.

The changing nature of industry in the 21st century means that the design of temporary structures such as scaffolding is becoming ever-more significant. The implications of new Codes of Practice, Eurocode design methods, changes in legislation and the importance of health and safety are all elements that affect scaffolding works.

Stephen Corden, a former professional footballer with Middleborough FC, has worked in the scaffolding industry since 1987 when he started as a trainee engineer. Now head of the design team, which is responsible for temporary works' design for all sectors of the Pyeroy Group, he says the technical department is expanding to meet increasing customer demand.

"Anyone who looks at our major contracts will see the results of the highly skilled technical input from the design team that

goes into designing bespoke solutions.

"From railway arches to aircraft carriers, cranes to castles and silos to submarines,



the design team provides innovative and economical solutions for access, support and environmental protection across all areas of the business."

The work involves using the very latest computer aided draughting packages, structural analysis software and in-house design aids to produce accurate, extensive and thorough designs which accommodate all possible load conditions, which temporary structures may be subject to during their use.

Sitting alongside Stephen, a highly qualified structural engineer and currently working towards becoming a Chartered Member of the institute of Structural Engineers, is Nick Clark, a time served carpenter and joiner. His vast experience of the industry and sound technical knowledge mean he is an invaluable part of the department working from his Plymouth base.

Charlie Corden, who's embarking on a design apprenticeship with Pyeroy while studying for his HNC in Civil Engineering to augment his in-house training, completes the team.

Pyeroy expertise in action

Bridge to success

The Blackfriars Rail Bridge refurbishment project has been the biggest project the Pyeroy design team has ever undertaken, involving developing upwards of 250 design solutions for the many different structural sections.

These included heavy duty articulated platforms, giant support scaffolds and all varieties of suspended access scaffolds, all within the strict design restrictions of working adjacent to the public on a live railway bridge over one of the busiest river channels in the world.



Design success

The high profile and very successful Newcastle Metro Bridge project highlights the added value that can be provided by innovative scaffold design.

Pyeroy's innovative scaffolding approach

was a highly original and sophisticated double raker and bracing system which ultimately saved time and labour, transport and material cost ensuring the company had the commercial edge over alternative designs.

Flood expertise

The design brief was to provide access for blasting and painting of the Hull Flood Defence Barrier - a hydraulically operated 20 metre high barrier designed to prevent tidal surges from causing localised flooding.

Pyeroy's solution incorporated additional bracing and an innovative system of ties so enable the barrier to be lowered into position with the scaffold still attached in case of emergency.

Windy solution

The Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm, situated off the Norfolk coast, will be one of the largest of its type when it comes on stream generating energy from the power of the wind.

Pyeroy designed and built a cantilever scaffold to support an accommodation module for contractors working on the wind farm contract. The scaffold had to be able to withstand the extreme weather conditions of the North Sea and demanding load combinations.



Health & Safety Matters

Reward for quick thinking

Quick thinking by Pyeroy employees working on Blackfriars Rail Bridge has been rewarded by contractor Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd.

Scaffolders Mark Tapp and Ben Quinell were working on the bridge – which is being getting a new protective coating as part of a £6 million refurbishment contract – when they noticed a Balfour Beatty employee who had fallen and badly injured himself.

Responding immediately, they helped to recover him before seeing him off to hospital in an ambulance. Both received £50 in gift vouchers as a thank you.

Balfour Beatty's senior programme manager for Network Rail work, Laurence Whitbourn has also rewarded scaffolder Gary Bushell (pictured right) with some gift vouchers for the good use of health and safety practices while working on the bridge.



Bright sparks

Pyeroy has been praised by the HSE for its sharp-eyed attention to electrical safety.

The move involved site generators on rail infrastructure projects, which Pyeroy electricians noticed posed a potential safety hazard – the fixing bolt securing the earthing strap had sheared leaving a loose earth connection (pictured).

They quickly secured the bolt, wrapping the connection in green and yellow earthing tape to ensure the fixing was not only safe but highly visible.

The correct fixing of the earth rod is essential as this ensures the earth circuit is complete and obtains a low resistance path to earth if any fault was to occur within the generated electrical supply. This eliminates/reduces the potential risk of a person suffering an electric shock.

The team was also praised because they would not install the earth rod/ break ground until the area had been CAT scanned and evidence of the scan had been seen.

Good work lads. – Ed



Driving up safety

Company vehicle drivers have been put through their paces behind the wheel to improve road awareness and boost their driving skills.

Claire Hogg, transport manager, said the training has already gone a long way to raising safety standards and reducing accidents.

"We are committed to ensuring staff drive safely and responsibly while on company business by improving their driving skills and knowledge," she added.

The move has already led to changes – for example, when visiting our head office yard all vehicles must now reverse park.



Behave yourself

A series of behavioural courses for managers and supervisors using professional trainers and role playing scenarios has improved health and safety awareness.

The training covered among many things awareness about safety and the skills required to work with clients and their representatives on safety issues.

Shirley Haskett, Group QHSE Manager, said: "The training has helped increase skill levels, awareness of the safety systems and paperwork already in place, and encouraged more consistent reporting of near misses."

And in other H&S matters...

...Watch out for the new safety handbooks coming out later this year. We will be replacing the existing ones with improved, easier-to-understand versions, explaining all the important health and safety procedures with tear-out sheets at the end of each section to complete and return.

...Abid Iqbal, an MSc placement student from the University of Sunderland, has completed an environmental research project. His findings are under review by the QHSE leadership forum including recommendations for the Board on any solutions which could be further researched or implemented.

...Got your QHSE commitment identity card? These reflect our committed to working safely, behaving appropriately, reporting unsafe acts and conditions, wearing the correct PPE, protecting the environment, maintaining good standards of housekeeping, only using plant and equipment which you have been trained for.

About You – news from around the company

Thank you and best wishes to Robert Chandler on his retirement from Pyeroy after many years of service

Shane's the one

The painting of the Forth Rail Bridge finished after a ten-year marathon project - and to mark the occasion, national TV news along with hundreds of other broadcasters and newspapers covered the event.

The BBC One Show's Justin Rowlett scaled the heights of the Forth Rail Bridge to watch the paint dry and talk to some of the people who have been involved in this momentous project.

This included our very own Shane Davidson (shown here), who helped the

BBC's intrepid reporter to make his mark on history (literally) and discover more about painting the world's first ever steel bridge, which spans more than 2,500 m over the Firth of Forth and took seven years to build before being opened in 1890.

Traditionally a job that never ends - until now - Pyeroy blasted away over 40 layers of paint before repairing the steelwork underneath and applying a new tough and long lasting protective coating. You can catch Shane's TV moment at www.pyeroy.co.uk



Charity fundraiser

Big thanks to Stephanie Dodds and colleagues who took part in Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness last October.

She and others at head office arrived at work wearing casual clothes or something pink to mark Wear it Pink day, which is the charity's biggest fund raising event.

More than £280 was raised following the sale of pastries and cakes while



all members of staff took part in a raffle and a few rounds of domino cards. Michael Steinmetz took the cartoon capers to heart, dressing up as Minnie Mouse to sell cakes to his colleagues.

Organiser Stephanie Dodds (pictured here with Michael) said: "I'd like to say thanks to all involved. It was a great day, lots of fun, and the icing on the cake was the money we raised for Cancer Awareness."

Shirley's a star!

Watch out for our very own star-in-the-making Shirley Haskett, who's playing the part of Baroness Elsa Schröder in the Sound of Music at the Phoenix Theatre in Blyth in March.

Pyeroy's QHSE manager's no stranger to the stage – last year



she was singing her heart out in the role of as Vi Petty (pictured), the wife of Buddy Holly's manager Norman Petty, in Buddy the Musical at the Whitley Bay playhouse

The West End next, eh Shirley? That'll be the day! Rave on...

Jim's on Board

Congratulations to Jim Anderson, who's been promoted to Pyeroy's Board of Directors.

Jim, who joined from Cape three years ago, has been instrumental in winning several new contracts and growing the amount of work the company now undertakes in the offshore renewable energy sector for the likes of Heerema and others.

Hugh Pelham, managing director, said:

"Congratulations to Jim, who in his new role as divisional director – industrial will play a pivotal role in driving the company forward and developing new opportunities."



Help for Heroes



South West regional director Kevon Daymond has handed over a £500 cheque to Babcock Marine employees Chris Southcott and Pete Bennett, who were raising funds for injured servicemen.

Chris and Pete were part of a team of 10 Babcock Marine dockyard workers who recently ran over 260 miles along the Cornish Coast Path in aid of the Help for Heroes charity.

Kevon, shown here presenting the cheque, said: "Chris, Pete and the other team members could've have done the event if it wasn't for sponsorship and support from companies like Pyeroy.

"We're delighted to have helped and well done to all involved for raising money for such a worthy cause."



Congratulations to head office administrator Olivia Gordon on reaching your 18th birthday.

PYEROY

What the papers say! A selection of stories about Pyeroy.

REFURBISHMENT PROJECTS, OCTOBER 2011

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PYEROY WINS TITANIC CONTRACT

The vessel used to ferry passengers out to RMS Titanic as the lay anchored off the port of Cherbourg on her ill-fated maiden voyage is undergoing refurbishment using scaffold access containment and protective coatings' expertise provided by Pyeroy.

The 1,273 ton SS Nomadic, flagship, used by the White Star Line as a tender for the liners RMS Olympic and RMS Titanic, has returned to the Harland & Wolff yard in Belfast to undergo a £2 million restoration 100 years after she was constructed there.

Industrial services specialist Pyeroy has enclosed the vessel in a protective shroud structure while the hull is being repaired, internal sections removed and replaced and a new wooden top deck installed.

Pyeroy won the £150,000 contract in the face of stiff competition because of its cost effective solution to complete the refurbishment programme.

Franca McAleer, Pyeroy's regional manager for Northern Ireland, said: "This shows how our extensive marine services expertise can be brought to bear on a unique project to ensure an important historical vessel is restored to its former glory for future generations to enjoy."

SS Nomadic, along with her sister ship SS Traffic, were based at Cherbourg, France where they ferried passengers to and from the 52,000 ton Titanic and Olympic passenger ships because they were too large to berth in the port.

She then went to serve as

becoming the tender for RMS Queen Elizabeth followed by a conversion into a floating restaurant on the river Seine in Paris. Following this restoration, she will become a visitor attraction located in Belfast's Hamilton Dock.

The Pyeroy Group is based in Gateshead and employs 1150 people working on industrial, construction and marine projects



Offshore

Heerema progressing with Ensign platform

Offshore staff

GATESHEAD, UK – Heerema Fabrication Group is using Pyeroy scaffolding on the Ensign platform in Hartlepool, UK. The 700 metric ton (772 ton) jacket and ton) topside module are for Centrica.

The Seabrover-type platform will go 80 km off the Norfolk coast to Ensign scheduled to come onstream in the second half of this year.



Pyeroy scaffolding used on the new 1,250 metric ton (1,378 ton) Seabrover being built for Centrica by Heerema Fabrication Group in Hartlepool.

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To access this Article, go to: <http://www.offshore-mag.com/offshore/en-us/index/article-tools-term-development-north-sea-europe.2011.july.heerema-progressing>

NEW CONTRACTS FOR PYEROY

The Industrial Services Division of Gateshead-based Pyeroy has announced that it has secured more than £14 million of new work after winning a number of major contracts in the UK.

The UK manufacturer of high quality chemicals, Fine Organics Ltd, has awarded a three year framework contract which sees Pyeroy operating on-site at its Seal Sands facility on Teesside providing access, insulation and protective coating services as part of a planned maintenance programme, potentially worth £1.5 million. Elsewhere, work has begun at Tinto Alcan's Lynemouth site to install



scaffolding and clean the coal fired power station as part of a planned shutdown and maintenance schedule. The three-year contract is worth approximately £3 million.

According to Pyeroy, in both cases the contracts were secured after they had identified a number of areas where cost savings could be made while ensuring standards of service would be maintained. It is expected that several contractors from the previous industrial services providers will be transferring across under TUPE regulations.

Pyeroy also reported recently securing a £10 million contract to provide access, insulation and painting services for a large industrial site in Scotland.

The news comes as Pyeroy reports strong performances across all sectors of its operation this year, which also includes marine, construction and environmental services. Julian Gammage, director of Pyeroy's Industrial Services Division, said: "Despite tough times, we have maintained growth in the face of strong competition and decreasing margins to secure these very prestigious contracts. Our ability to win this and other work has strengthened our position as a leading provider of industrial services. Our staff are highly trained and experienced."



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When the Queen Elizabeth II...
...the hull is being repaired...
...internal sections removed...
...replaced and a new wooden top deck installed.



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