

Members News

Aker Solutions

Aker Kvaerner, a global provider to the process and energy industries, has changed its name to Aker Solutions. At the same time it launched its new logo and visual profile. For over 150 years, Aker Kvaerner has delivered solutions for some of the world's most complex engineering and construction challenges.

"The name Aker Solutions represents a simplification and strengthening of our corporate identity and outlines our offering of comprehensive industrial solutions. It identifies our connection with Aker, a large industrial group with operations in industries and sectors with which we are engaged. It communicates the long term committed ownership of Aker, our synergies with other Aker companies and between our business units and business areas. We believe our new name further strengthens our potential as a company and brands our commitment to providing value adding solutions - our primary deliverable - to our customers," said President and CEO, Simen Lieungh.

AMEC

AMEC Plc, the international engineering and project management company, has announced the acquisition of the leading project services company Rider Hunt International Limited (RHI) from its owner managers for £25 million in cash.

Based in Godalming, UK, RHI is an international provider of project services to the oil, gas, chemical, energy and process industries. The company has a professional staff of some 240 people, working in 15 countries and has locations both in mature markets and frontier regions, including Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. It is a recognised leader in project controls and tendering IT solutions, has an excellent track record of success in major oil and gas projects and has high levels of repeat business from a broad customer base.

"Acquiring RHI is an important step in our strategy of providing best in class consultancy services in programme and project management in the energy industries," said Neil Bruce, Chief Operating Officer of AMEC's Natural Resources division. "RHI has some of the very best people and proprietary systems in the business and provides an excellent geographic fit with AMEC's footprint in mature and frontier regions."

Jim McFarlane, Managing Director of RHI said: "We are pleased to combine our capabilities with AMEC, to form a leading project management consultancy to access opportunities in energy markets worldwide. AMEC's strong customer relationships and geographic footprint will allow us to grow with greater speed." RHI will continue to be operated as an independent, stand-alone business, with AMEC providing the geographic presence and capability to facilitate their growth.

Belzona

Belzona Polymeric Limited has drawn on its 56 years of expertise in the manufacture of industrial protective coatings and polymer repair composites to launch an exciting new repair solution for applications within oily and damp environments.

Repairs that are normally considered impossible due to oil contamination or surface moisture can now effectively be carried out using this new and innovative repair composite. Belzona 1831 (Super UW-Metal) is capable of bonding strongly to oily, wet and manually prepared metal substrates and has been particularly successful within the power industry.

Gordon Cairns, National Sales Manager for Belzona explained: "The product was initially developed to combat the problems encountered within ageing transmission systems. Many outdoor transformer substations that have been subject to erosion corrosion for over 20 years commonly have oil leakage which leads to breakdown of fins, flanges, valves, seals and pipe work. Where conventional repair composites would be ineffective at stemming these leaks due to the presence of oil, Belzona 1831 (Super UW-Metal) effectively displaces the oil from the surface enabling the repair to take place, with minimal production loss."

A UK electricity distribution company was faced with a potentially high cost maintenance repair due to oil leakage from transformer pipe work. Traditional repairs involving expensive drain down of the oil were considered too costly in terms of lost power supply. Belzona 1831 (Super UW-Metal) was applied directly onto the leaking pipe work displacing the oil and bonding aggressively to the contaminated surface. To provide long term corrosion protection and prevent further leakage the pipe work was then fully encapsulated in a standard Belzona material. The entire process was carried out in less than two hours which enabled a prompt return to service.

iicorr

Aberdeen-based integrity, inspection and corrosion specialist iicorr is expanding its business with the acquisition of Subspecion. The pair will combine to create a new business division in iicorr, focusing on subsea technical integrity and corrosion solutions.

Subspecion, based in Alresford (UK) and Singapore, employs 30 people and is a provider of cathodic protection survey, consultancy, engineering and subsea sensor equipment to the oil and gas and marine industries.

Invensys

Invensys Process Systems has won a substantial contract from the Saudi Electricity Company (SEC) to provide plant performance and monitoring solutions for use on one of the country's most critical power plants. The PP8 plant is based in Central Province and