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Dräger calls for a major step up in sustainability

Aberdeen – Dräger Marine & Offshore, a subsidiary of Dräger, a leader in the fields of safety and medical technology, has urged UK businesses to accelerate sustainability if global net zero carbon emission targets are to be achieved.

The company, based in Aberdeen, believes demand-driven innovative technology can leverage progress toward greater sustainability and improved employee safety.

Its calls align with a recent warning from the UN's International Panel on Climate Change for the world to 'super charge efforts' to limit global warming before it was too late.

Dräger Marine & Offshore's commitments to sustainability and continuous development are highlighted in a program to be shown on SKY Digital channel 181 at 10am on Sunday, May 14.

Called 'A New Focus for Industry', and made by Executive TV, the program includes insights from Dräger Marine & Offshore's UK Business Development Manager Clean Energy Megan Hine, Head of Safety Marketing David Head, and Academy Authorised Trainer Billy Geddes.

Megan said: "For several years the energy industry has been perceived as declining. But today there is a new wave - an energy revolution - to ensure the potential of our resources is harnessed to its absolute maximum.

"Sustainability is important now but will become even more so in the future. This cannot be just lip service. We need to speed up our sustainability efforts as humans and for the planet."

Innovative developments such as applying smartphone and Bluetooth technology for highly accurate gas detection can increase process efficiency, safety, and sustainability.

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David Head said: “Innovation is key to keeping pace with sustainability. We need to continually examine how we develop and package products, and our internal processes, to ensure we reduce our impact on the environment.”

Megan added: “Modern wireless technology enables us to implement gas detection across large areas, such as oil terminals or refineries. Wireless communication has been around in our daily lives for some time. But for the industrial environment it must be more robust, cyber secure and reliable.

“Advances like implementing Bluetooth mean we can improve the interoperability of our devices. Traditionally, the gas clearance process would involve walking to the permit office which could take up to 25 minutes on a large site, confirming the vessel was safe to enter, walking back and checking the next vessel. Today, reports are emailed directly from the vessel to confirm immediately that is safe to enter.”

Appropriate training is another key issue. Changes in technology and a widening national skills gap in manufacturing across the board mean advances in training are needed to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Billy Geddes said: “Training is paramount. Dräger Marine & Offshore’s new facilities in Aberdeen offer a range of training including confined entry training. Our advances in technology mean we can deliver training in a blended learning environment.”

As the only safety equipment manufacturer based in Aberdeen, Dräger is one of the leading providers of protection systems in the marine and offshore energy industry.

Its systems, from stand-alone refuges to independent supply airline systems, are configurable to specific requirements. Its extensive range of products and

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services meet firefighting, rescue, and safety (FRS) market regulations. It also sells and services both Dräger and third-party FRS equipment.

Services offered by Dräger Aberdeen, include training facilities (incorporating confined space entry and working at height facilities), training courses such as Authorised Gas Tester (AGT), BA wearer and maintenance training, a rental stock warehouse for short-term equipment requirements, offshore maintenance facilities, a service and maintenance centre, and gas management systems.

See Dräger Marine & Offshore in: ‘A New Focus for Industry’, SKY Digital channel 181, 10am, Sunday, May 14.

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