



Invitation to OPTESS Telemedicine Workshop, 21st June 2006

A&E Department, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary

Dear Madam / Sir,

The oil and gas industry employs thousands of people and is a vital component of the worldwide economy. Worker safety and health are priorities for this industry.

Emergency healthcare in this sector is provided via a combination of emergency response services (e.g. helicopters and/or dedicated rescue or supply vessels) to evacuate a patient in need of treatment to a shore-based hospital or clinical facility

Several companies provide on site medical support and intervention. Different offshore medical service companies have come and gone through the years.

Telemedicine, linking offshore platforms with medical centres ashore utilising satellite telecommunication systems, has an increasing role to play in providing medical care to crewmembers and technicians. It holds the potential to dramatically improve the quality of healthcare on board platforms.

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary is a partner in the OPTESS project, co-funded by the European Commission with the eTEN Programme, which involves the market validation phase of a satellite telemedicine system and service. D'Appolonia S.p.A. (an Italian based engineering Company) is the coordinator of the OPTESS project. More information about the project can be found at the website <http://www.optess.com/>

The telemedicine service is designed for oil and gas companies owning production facilities and all companies owning drilling rigs and employing people in offshore sites. It aims to supply integrated solutions for medical consultations on board offshore facilities. Currently, the system is under validation, within the OPTESS project, on board Total Alwyn North and Saipem 7000.

The OPTESS Consortium is organizing a workshop to present the results of the project so far and to discuss the potential gains of utilising telemedicine to organisations and stakeholders working in the field of medical assistance to offshore sites and remote locations at a European level.

We are pleased to invite you to this workshop, which will take place from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm on Wednesday 21 June 2006 at the Department of Accident and Emergency of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, UK.

Participation is free.

Please find enclosed the agenda of the workshop.

To register, please send a confirmation e-mail to info@optess.com or via fax +390103621078.

Thanks for your attention.

Best Regards.

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OPTESS PROJECT
Offshore Platforms Telemedicine Service via Satellite
WORKSHOP

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Date: June 21th, 2006

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- 2:00 pm Opening and Welcome (Dr J. Ferguson, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary)
- 2:15 pm Telemedicine in the oil and gas sector (Dr J. Ferguson, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary)
- 2:30 pm The OPTESS Project (Mr F. Bagnoli, D'Appolonia S.p.A)
- 2:45 pm Demo of the OPTESS System
- 3:15 pm The role of the end user in the validation phase (Ms L. Morrison, Total UK E&P)
- 3:30 pm Roundtable: Current situation in the oil and gas medical assistance and perspectives offered by telemedicine
- 5:30 pm Conclusions