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Investment Continues At Kerloch Oil Tools

Continued investment by a north-east oil and gas service company has seen it increase its capabilities by extending its range of premium thread licenses, ensuring it remains at the forefront of the oil and gas industry.

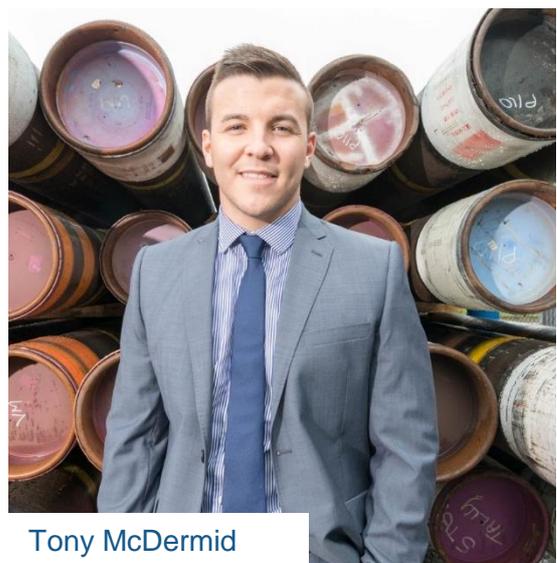
Aberdeen-based Kerloch Oil Tools has invested significantly in new equipment and upgrading its facilities this year. This has included work to resurface its yard, the installation of new pipe storage racks and the purchase of a new large capacity compressor and new phosphate tanks, which will make the process of coating pipe threads more efficient. These investments have resulted in the firm securing licenses for the latest generation of VAM connection, VAM 21.

Based in Bridge of Don, Kerloch Oil Tools specialises in premium threading and the repair and manufacture of oilfield country tubular goods (OCTG) for the global oil and gas industry. It was established in 2011 following Scomi Oiltools' decision to sell its Aberdeen machine shop.

The firm already holds an extensive range of VAM, Tenaris, Atlas Bradford, NSCC/NSCT licenses, but the VAM 21 connection represents the latest generation of threaded and coupled connections and features an innovative and revolutionary design. Award of this new license allows Kerloch to meet the expectations – whilst anticipating the future requirements – of oil and gas operators.

Employing 22 staff, Kerloch has extensive machine and pipe shop facilities that are capable of undertaking a range of engineering projects, from high volume threading work to the complete manufacture of bespoke products.

Kerloch Oil Tools business development manager Tony McDermid said: "Although the Kerloch Oil Tools name is relatively new, the business itself is well established. In recent years we have expanded our machine shop capabilities by investing in a range of new equipment, and in



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doing so have built a robust business. This year we have concentrated on increasing the licenses that we hold to ensure we are best placed to address the industry's future needs.

“Securing these latest accreditations means that Kerloch remains at the forefront of the premium threading and OCTG sector in Aberdeen, while meeting the needs and demands of the modern oilfield. The accreditations will aid our future growth as they help to strengthen our service offering to clients.”

The firm's name and logo has become a familiar sight on football pitches across the country through its sponsorship of north-east side Peterhead FC. This season Kerloch is once again the club's shirt sponsor. The Blue Toon won automatic promotion to League One after being crowned League Two champions last season, and have started this season's campaign with a series of solid performances.

Based on the north side of Aberdeen, Kerloch Oil Tools offers a range of integrated engineering solutions. The company's facilities include a fully-equipped machine and pipe shop, capable of dealing with both high specification and high volume machining work on behalf of the energy industry.