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EMEC powers ahead!

A packed agenda at the Autumn General Assembly of EMEC reflected on a successful year and put in place key actions to continue the pace into the future.

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Research Innovation and Development

The first call results of the FP7 project proposals revealed a credible success rate for the European equipment industry and a fitting tribute to the hard work of outgoing chairman of EMECrid¹ Patrick Person. **Newly confirmed Chairman of EMECrid**, Duncan Forbes of Rolls-Royce, laid out the plans for a revised structure of the group and the timetable to take maximum advantage of the second call in the FP7 programme. A radical new proposal, called PEGASUS, will focus on transport specific innovations that could deliver step changes in efficiency and cleanness in the next 20 years and beyond. A series of presentation meetings will be held across Europe to encourage SME equipment companies to participate under a broad range of themes.

Effective Progress in 'Mutual Recognition' Directive

A strong progress on the contentious issue of the mutual recognition of marine equipment on two fronts is reported. The political progress of the Classification Directive, and in particular the wording of Article 20, had produced a divergence of opinion with the classification societies requiring constant vigilance to ensure the original intent of the legislation was not diluted in the working group of the European Council of Ministers.

At the same time, a positive report was given on the workmanlike discussions between IACS and EMEC on how a mutual recognition regime could actually work in practice. Providing progress is maintained

this augured well for the future enabling trust to be built up between the two organisations.

Projecting EMEC in the Future

In launching the **new EMEC web site**, President Pim van Gulpen commented "the new web site reflects the transformation of EMEC under the leadership of the Secretary-General, Paola Lancellotti, during the last eighteen months." He continued "EMEC can now be counted alongside the other leading associations representing the marine sector, effectively ensuring the European marine equipment sector is seated around the table where all major Commission decisions affecting its future are made."

The new web site reflects the importance of the marine equipment sector to the European Union's economy and its importance in driving innovation to ensure the continued competitiveness of the sector in the global marketplace.

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Duncan Forbes - newly confirmed EMECrid Chairman

Duncan Forbes has worked at Rolls-Royce for 32 years.



Duncan Forbes, the new EMECrid Chairman

Duncan's current role is Executive Vice President, Engineering & Technology – Marine, a £1.3Billion business that operates across both Naval and Commercial sectors, offering a range of propulsion systems and associated equipment. This role involves constructing and executing both product and technology strategies, developing people processes and tools to meet the ever evolving needs of the business strategy. The role reports into the President of Marine and covers all 4 sectors (Naval, Submarines, Offshore and Merchant).

Prior to becoming part of the Marine business Duncan spent 26 years working in a large variety of engineering roles in the Aerospace side of Rolls-Royce. This afforded him the opportunity to work across a wide range of disciplines including mechanical design, stressing, control systems, thermodynamics and dynamic modelling. Being a truly international business meant that he worked with companies in locations as diverse as Russia, China, America and culminated in a 4 year period as Director Engineering for a subsidiary company based in Germany. More recently the role in the Marine sector has provided opportunity to work in Sweden, Finland and Norway.

Duncan was born in 1958 and has a BSc Honours Mechanical Engineering and Certificate in Management Studies.

Definition of Marine Equipment

The term 'marine equipment' refers to all products and services supplied for the building, conversion, and maintenance of ships (seagoing and inland). This includes technical services in the field of engineering, installation and commissioning, and ship maintenance (including repair).

EMEC – European Marine Equipment Council

The European Marine Equipment Council (EMEC), which represents the European marine equipment industry, consists of 13 European trade associations from Austria, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany (two), Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

The undertakings active in this important field, the majority of which are SMEs, are world leaders in many of the activities described in the definition above. They are responsible for 262,000 jobs directly and 436,000 indirectly, qualifying as the most important employer in the maritime industry. They generate a turnover of 26 billion Euro, 12 billion of which relate to the export market, contributing to European economic growth.

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