

Proserv Makes Senior Appointments in Norway and Qatar to Drive Growth



Global controls technology company Proserv has appointed two new General Managers (GM) for its businesses in Stavanger, Norway and Doha, Qatar. Rune Christian Godejord and Trevor Ogilvie count more than 30 years' experience in the energy industry between them.

Rune Christian Godejord has taken up the role of GM in Stavanger, joining Proserv from oilfield services company Baker Hughes where he was Country Manager for Norway, with responsibility for its subsea ventures and topside activities. Godejord has worked for more than 20 years in the oil and gas segment, with the majority of that time spent at TechnipFMC.

Godejord has experience in expanding subsea operations and this is a crucial target area for Proserv which has a key subsea technology and R&D Centre of Excellence based in Trondheim in central Norway. There are close synergies between these sites and Godejord will leverage them to accelerate further activities in Norwegian waters for Proserv's renowned solutions, including its augmented controls technology (ACT).

Stavanger represents a major service and production hub for Proserv with multi-faceted onshore, offshore and subsea capabilities, including manufacturing, maintenance, installation, testing, rental and trading.

Meanwhile, Trevor Ogilvie has taken on the responsibility of GM in Doha, having joined Proserv more than two years ago as its Technical Sales Manager for Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Ogilvie has extensive experience in the oil and gas industry in the Arabian Gulf and has also spent time in the UK during more than five years with integrated solutions provider Alderley.

Proserv's facility in Doha delivers a broad range of service support including manufacturing, onshore and offshore maintenance and trading, with some of the world's biggest OEMs and national energy companies among the regular clientele.

Davis Larssen, CEO, Proserv, said: "We welcome and congratulate Rune and Trevor on their new roles. In both Stavanger and Doha, we have the infrastructure in place, and the opportunity in sight, to significantly expand our activities and business. We can make a real difference right across the subsea market in Norway with our unique technologies, while in the Middle East we have spent time building valued relationships with national energy companies and there is scope for us to broaden that much further."

Pulcea Announced as Winner of Offshore Wind Spin-in Competition

A company which is developing groundbreaking technology for the offshore wind sector has received a major growth boost, after winning a competition held by economic regeneration company Advance Northumberland.

Stirling-headquartered Pulcea, which is working with offshore wind operators to protect marine mammals and fish in and around offshore wind farms, won the first prize of £10,000 in the Offshore Wind Spin-in competition.

The winning company was announced at a presentation on Tuesday 8th November at the opening day of Offshore Wind North East (OWNE) at The Beacon Of Light, Sunderland. Delivered by energy sector network NOF, OWNE explores themes and opportunities in the offshore wind sector and is attended by hundreds of exhibitors and delegates from the renewable energy industry.

Launched in September 2022, the Offshore Wind Spin-in competition was created to help businesses establish operational bases in the North of Tyne area, in order for them to develop in North East England's fast-growing offshore wind cluster.

As a finalist in the competition, which was funded by the North of Tyne Inward Investment Capacity Fund, Pulcea has already benefited from a fully funded support package.

The first prize of £10,000 will help Pulcea further accelerate its growth journey in the North of Tyne Combined Authority area.

Pulcea specialises in marine physics and has roots in the salmon farming sector in Scotland and Norway. It has specialist knowledge of North Sea waters and the marine life off the shores off North East England.

The company has expertise in improving marine ectoparasite treatments of farmed salmon in open net cages, through acoustic emissions. Pulcea's research into safeguarding European Protected Species (EPS) while deploying acoustic energy in salmon cages led to the discovery of an effective method of noise mitigation. Applied to the offshore wind industry, this could help to protect marine life from the effects of construction noise. In addition, this technology could also enable developments currently on hold due to EPS licence restrictions to proceed, and reduce field development time.

Pulcea is now focused on developing its innovative solution to reduce noise pollution from piling operations at depths of up to 100m.

The North of Tyne Inward Investment Capacity Fund, which is funded by The North of Tyne Combined Authority, seeks to bring more jobs to Northumberland, Newcastle and North Tyneside through inward investment.

Left to right: Richard Wearmouth, Deputy Leader of Northumberland County Council, Michael Black, Director of Economic Growth and Investments at Advance Northumberland, Ian Armstrong, Managing Director of Pulcea and Alan Lowdon OBE, Offshore Wind Sector Specialist at Advance Northumberland.



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