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Employment Opportunities

With Petrofac now acting as lead contractor on site, many people are asking who they should contact to find out about employment opportunities during construction and also once the plant is operational.

For those interested in working on the construction phase, you should contact Atlantic Resourcing at resourcing@petrofac.com

For those interested in long term work once the gas plant is complete, please go to www.total.com

We would ask people not to contact the site offices directly as they will only give you the above details.



Lifeskills Partnership

A local recruitment company have formed a partnership with Lifeskills centres to enable unemployed people in Shetland to apply for jobs on the Gas Plant construction site.

Lifeskills run programmes endorsed by Jobcentre Plus and Careers Scotland amongst others, which provides training and assistance to unemployed people to help build their confidence and skills to the point where they can find employment. This involves ensuring they have all the tickets and certificates necessary to work on site.

To date YES Recruitment (Shetland) Ltd have found employment on the site for 10 people through the Lifeskills programme. A further 50 local people have been employed through the agency working mainly for Sicim but also for Roadbridge and Petrofac.

Roadbridge and Total win CEEQUAL Award

Roadbridge and Total were recently honoured with the top category of CEEQUAL award at an event held in Shetland. The award was presented during the Tall Ships celebrations, at an event hosted on board the Christian Radich.

CEEQUAL is the assessment and awards scheme for improving sustainability in civil engineering and the public realm. It assesses performance by project and contract teams in terms of dealing with environmental and social issues which may arise in their work.

CEEQUAL Assessor Daniel Glynn presented the award to Jim Mulcair, Managing Director of Roadbridge Ltd who carried out the earthworks and Robert Faulds, Project Director of Laggan-Tormore.

The joint award was granted particularly for the successful process which was undertaken to remove peat from the site to be stored in constructed terraces to be replanted once the project comes to an end.



CEEQUAL assessor Daniel Glynn presents the awards



Roadbridge staff work on top of the peat store





Much interest has been generated by the presence of our archaeologists working on a mound at Firths Voe recently. We have heard tales of Viking longships and World War 2 gun emplacements being found, amongst other things.

In an attempt to clarify what has been found, Julia Cussons, one of our archaeologists on site has written a few words of explanation.

‘As part of the Laggan-Tormore pipeline construction, archaeological investigations were carried out in Firths Voe at the site designated as Mound 105.

An archaeological evaluation was carried out by ORCA (Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology) during May 2011 on behalf of Allseas and Total which identified the presence of prehistoric remains on top of the natural mound.

Following this a full excavation of the site was commissioned, as the pipeline could not be diverted away from the

site. The excavation that followed (also carried out by ORCA) involved the careful recording and dismantling of archaeological features and the methodical collection of artefacts and sediment samples to allow the site to be preserved in record as accurately as possible and for a full report of the site to be published in the near future.

What's buried at Firths Voe?

The principal archaeological feature excavated was the very scant remains of a prehistoric structure thought to be Neolithic (late Stone Age) in date. This structure appeared as a broken circle of large stones surrounded by a large arc of rubble.

The building may have been similar in nature to those excavated at the Scord of Brouster in the 1970s, the earliest occupation of this site being dated to approximately 4500 years ago. From within and around the area of the

structure at Firths Voe a great number of quartz fragments were recovered, many from localised spreads resulting from quartz working to create blades and other tools. Other cultural material included flakes of felsite (also used in stone tool manufacture) and pottery. In addition to this a great deal of charcoal and other charred plant remains were recovered as part of the sediment samples. Once analysed these will be able to tell us a great deal about the site and the way the people who occupied it lived.

Other features also recorded at the site were a stone lined drain of unknown date positioned to the south of the prehistoric structure, a post medieval field boundary to the west and a World War 2 gun emplacement to the north.'

We plan to organise an exhibition of our findings, both from Firths Voe and on the Shetland Gas Plant site. The event will be held in the north mainland and will be advertised widely.



A day in the life

of a Safety Leader in Shetland, working with Total on the Laggan-Tormore Project

Ian Wood met with 'Frontier News' to talk about his responsibilities at Total working within the current gas plant construction.

Hi Ian, it is clear that you have a very important role in the control and coordination of the gas plant construction. What is your job title and what main duties do you have in your job?

My title is "Safety Health & Environment Team Leader" (SHE Lead). My main duties are to provide support to Total Management in Shetland to ensure that all personnel and activities meet the required Safety Health & Environment standards, including regulatory, contract, and company standards.

I also provide leadership, advice and guidance on health, safety and environmental issues to the Total project team and provide a link between the people in Shetland and the team in Aberdeen.

Another part of my role is to ensure that ecological and archaeological observers are provided with adequate resources and to ensure that concerns raised by them are addressed and reported to Project management.

And what are your main responsibilities on site?

Mainly, to supervise a team consisting of Health & Safety Officers, Environmental Officers/Ecologists, Archaeologists and Lifting Specialists. I liaise closely with Petrofac's Health and Safety staff and project teams to ensure good relationships and a positive, proactive safety culture.

I also review and comment on contractor documentation, such as method statements and risk assessments. I assist in the development of safe working strategies which ensure that everyone who works on the project conforms to company standards and are legally compliant. I ensure that any incidents are investigated and reported quickly. And finally I compile site health and safety information and analysis for reporting of site performance on a daily basis.

Could you walk me through your average day...

On arriving at work I review and finalise the daily report before attending a series of morning meetings. The first is Petrofac's

safety briefing where I will present on any issues as required. I then meet with the site safety team to discuss the day's activities and any concerns. Following this I participate in a daily morning call to the Aberdeen team.

The remainder of the day is spent carrying out site audits, inspections and monitoring of Petrofac's activities, continually liaising with their Safety teams and supervising in the review and implementation of Method Statements and Risk Assessments, all designed to assist with the safe and effective achievement of project goals.

I support the project safety team to reach the day's objectives, attend and participate in site safety meetings and gather the days reporting information from the team. I also provide ongoing assistance to the site project teams and management on safety and environmental related issues and finally review any documentation as required.

My work day ends with a daily co-ordination meeting, where we look discuss the day's events.

Shetland is well known for its constant windy weather conditions. Do you find that the often harsh Shetland weather increases the difficulty of doing your job?

Shetland weather is changeable to say the least; it provides additional challenges which on the whole may increase the length of time some of the activities take, however these challenges have been adequately managed so far, allowing us to progress the work.

I don't believe that the weather increases the difficulty in doing the job anymore than it would elsewhere in the UK.

What do you find most interesting about the role you have within the project?

We are closely involved in working with Petrofac's onsite management teams to ensure project time scales are met safely and on time. This involves communication and active involvement in the day to day organisation of safe systems of working and methods of work.

Involvement with new and different work activities ongoing across the site e.g. pipelines installation, heavy earthwork activity, construction of buildings, diving works, liaison with local authorities, communities and BP TAQA are very interesting.



Ian Wood, SHE Lead

What role do you carry in protecting the environment in Shetland?

I am involved in closely monitoring, with the aid of the ecologists and environmentalists, local flora and fauna. Also, highlighting potential clashes and concerns e.g. bird nesting, otter activity etc.

I have responsibilities in the setting up of exclusion zones around any birds or animals we find nesting and communicating the impacts of these to management and contractors.

How do you spend your time when off duty in Shetland?

Off duty time although limited at times is spent reading, fishing, and studying French.

Finally, do you enjoy your job overall?

'I enjoy my current role and my experience of Shetland has been very enjoyable.



Total Participate in Charity Quiz Night

The Scottish Fishermans Federation has supported the Laggan-Tormore project through the provision of Fishery Liaison Officers and Marine Mammal Observers throughout 2011. On 30th September 2011 they held their 25th Anniversary Charity Quiz Night at the Ashvale Fish Restaurant in Aberdeen and members of our team based in Aberdeen showed their support by participating.

Laggan-Tormore entered a team under the team name of **“AND IN LAST PLACE!”** comprising Abi Hastie (Assistant Inspection Co-ordinator), Chris Hay (Training Advisor), Andy Foster (Environmentalist) and Muir Urquhart (HR consultant.) The quiz night was great fun, and despite our team name and efforts we managed to finish in third place out of 18 teams!



Laggan-Tormore made a donation of £225 which helped to exceed the target of raising £10,000 for the Scottish Fishermans Federation’s chosen maritime charities; the Shipwrecked Mariners Society and the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

Complaints

The Laggan-Tormore team recognise that there will be times when residents may have concerns about some aspect of the work we and our contractors are carrying out.

Although we have taken every precaution to ensure there are no problems with noise, dirty roads, etc, we have also ensured that there is a clear way for people who are concerned to have these issues addressed.

If you have a concern, we would be grateful if you could contact us directly so that we can ensure these are dealt with quickly and appropriately.

Details of who to contact are printed on our complaints leaflet, which can be found in various locations including the library, SIC Grantfield, Brae Co-op, Mossbank Shop and can also be found on our website.



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