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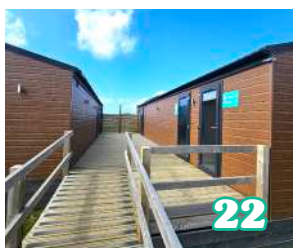
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### Hello & Welcome to Issue 683 of Industrial Solutions UK!

The team at Industrial Solutions UK has been working extremely hard to bring you an issue that is full of innovative and exhilarating companies and we are very excited to share their success and achievements with you.

We have searched the length and breadth of the UK to bring you some of the most ground-breaking innovations and this month, we are overjoyed to be highlighting the activities of WJ Horrod, RM Fowler and Arkem Leisure.

Firstly, we would like to focus on the accomplishments of RM Fowler who this month features under 'Controls, Drives & Automation,' **please see them on page 10.**

Secondly, we are featuring WJ Horrod with the **'75 Year Milestone in Industry'** profile following their impressive performance over the years. **For more information, turn to page 21.**

Lastly, we would like to highlight Arkem Leisure for their portable building blocks that can be developed for different purposes. **These can be seen on page 22.**

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of Industrial Solutions as much as we have enjoyed bringing it to you. Happy reading and we hope to see you for the next edition!

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## Innovative Technologies and Sustainable Measurement Strategies for the Marine Environment

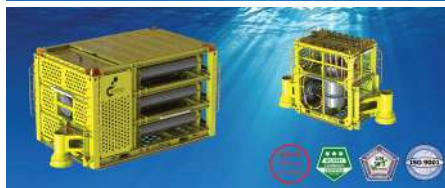
In this issue of Industrial Solutions, we are happy to feature award-winning SubCtech (Subsea Technologies for the Marine Environment) a leading manufacturer of underwater technologies for its Commitment to Excellence in Ocean Power and Monitoring Systems.

Established in 2010 by Applied Physicist: Stefan Marx (CEO), the maritime powerhouse is based in Kiel, Northern Germany. With a diverse team of expert mechanical and electrical engineers and software specialists, this medium-sized company is committed to next-generational R&D, bespoke project consultation, rigorous testing of prototypes and first-class manufacturing.

Under the expert guidance of Stefan Marx, the company is divided into two specialised sections: Ocean Power Products and Ocean Monitoring Equipment offering a range of products tailored for various marine and subsea applications.

The Ocean Power Products are supplied primarily to customers in offshore oil & gas companies, monitoring stations/moorings, subsea applications and autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV), remotely operated vehicle (ROV) manufacturers. The Li-Ion battery systems (PowerPacks) range from standard, subsea, vehicle, customised batteries, chargers to battery-management systems (BMS.) The advanced-precision titanium housing is fully customised and can be used for depths up to 6,000m.

The subsea batteries, for example allow high-performance for a design life of 25 years, with the electronic and Li-Ion cells meeting meticulous, optimised safety standards. The rechargeable Li-Ion batteries provide robust subsea Uninterruptible Power



Supply (UPS) and are perfect for marine and offshore technology applications, offering next-level capacity.

"Our batteries undergo rigorous heat, shock and vibration testing, to reach the UN T38.3, MIL-STD, DNV or API17F standards of compliance and other on request," said Stefan.

The PowerPacks™ automatically protect itself e.g. at low voltage, to prevent damage, leaving operators assured of safety at all times, with the capacity to disconnect in the event of overcurrent or external short circuit. The advantage of Li-Ion batteries over Alkali primary batteries, is the high current operational features, ability to function at subzero temperatures and during high currents/peaks. Furthermore, the corrosion-free titanium housing can be used up to depths of 6,000m. The batteries are used for industrial applications and are tested in accordance to API17F, MIL-STD, DIN-EN and DNV – according to the application.

The ocean monitoring equipment provided by SubCtech is essential for scientific institutes, researchers aboard vessels, and sailors. This equipment facilitates comprehensive monitoring of surface and subsea

environments, focusing on greenhouse gas levels and micro-plastic sampling. The flagship product, the Autonomous Underway Measurement System (AUMS), is specifically designed for pCO<sub>2</sub> monitoring on 'Ships of Opportunity.' It is highly versatile and can be enhanced with additional sensors, such as the Meteo Top-Box for Sea-Air Exchange flux measurements and other third-party instruments.

The latest Microplastic Sampler for example, offers autonomous monitoring on any type of sea vessel and can detect even the smallest presence of microplastics in the water, down to particles per m<sup>3</sup>. The next-level robust, waterproof design provides accurate sampling, even on high-speed boats travelling at 30kn.

Stefan said, "We are experiencing rapid growth in our industry, driven by high demand for our Ocean Power products. We serve customers globally, including Europe, Asia, Australia, and the US, ensuring safe transport of our UN T38.3 certified Li-Ion batteries worldwide via airline cargo."

"Our professional sales partner network streamlines service delivery across regions. In response to exponential growth, we've nearly doubled our staff to 76 and plan to expand our facility from 1,200sqm to 4,000sqm."

"We prioritise environmental sustainability, using LED lighting, promoting public transport, and recycling all components, including batteries. Our Microplastic Sampler aids scientists in monitoring ocean microplastic pollution, which affects marine life and human health."

"Our latest innovation, the Subsea 2 MWh Energy Storage System has now successfully passed its final field-testing stage: the system has been commissioned and tested in situ and, therefore, has already reached the Technology Readiness Level 6 (TRL 6), according to API17Q, which exemplifies our commitment to high standards."

"Looking ahead, we aim to lead in Subsea and Ocean Power Solutions and Ocean Monitoring Systems globally. We seek strategic partners and are eager to expand our network within the international Oceanology sector."

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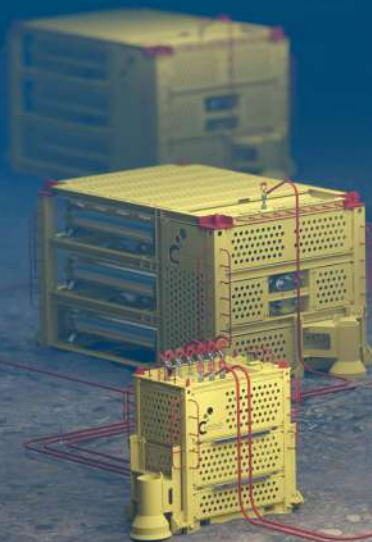
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# New UNISIG Operating System Streamlines the Human-robot Interface

Representing a leap forward in programming, UNISIG's next-generation operating system further improves the human-robot interface and slashes programming times.

The new operating system, featured on UNISIG's UNE6-2i-750-CR small-diameter gundrilling machine, streamlines the setup of dozens of different part handling combinations to reduce new part setup times by 80% or more. The system significantly improves the communication between the machine's human machine interface (HMI) and the robotic controller. This enables centralized data storage or a single source of truth – the coding and data for the gundrilling operation and the program for the part handling are stored together for ease of recall.

Because it works within a parametric programming environment, the new operating system automatically adjusts its parameters to any dimensional part changes, without the need to manually calculate and enter in new

parameters. Such intelligence eliminates the need to start over and create entirely new and independent programs, while greatly simplifying and shortening programming times for part families.

The UNE6-2i-750-CR gundrilling machine with integrated robot ships with a handheld programming console/teach pendant connected to the machine. Prior to the use of parametric programming, all part handling operations were pre-programmed using the pendant. Users can now enter and store all machine and robotic parameters in the machine HMI. This allows for a more centralized user experience and greatly reduces the depth of robotic experience required.

The machine HMI has built-in parametric selection guides, allowing users to toggle between data entry and the programming guides. Each data value, and its function, are graphically displayed in the on-screen programming guide. This prevents the guide from being misplaced and makes it available

at all times, which is especially advantageous when periodically adding new parts involving large time gaps between them.

The UNE6-2i-750-CR with integrated robotic automation also features interchangeable part trays. The robot services both the machine's spindles and accommodates drilling of different diameters from each end. The optional lantern chuck system on this machine model allows workpiece loading into the rear of an automatic collet chuck to ensure accurate workholding, especially for uniquely shaped workpieces.

UNISIG's UNE6 Series of precision gundrilling machines generate holes from 0.8mm to 6.0mm (0.03" to 0.24") in even the most challenging of materials. Such capability makes the machines well suited for a wide range of applications, including medical part manufacturing.

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## ECO PHYSICS AG develops new three-channel chemiluminescence analyser (NO/NO<sub>2</sub>/NH<sub>3</sub>)

ECO PHYSICS AG offers innovative analytical solutions for measurement tasks in the fields of environment, health and process control. Using its vital expertise and technology to contribute towards environmental preservation, human health, and industrial innovation, ECO PHYSICS' interdisciplinary research and development team work tirelessly to deliver the best customer orientated and tailor-made products and services for the industry.

Founded in 1990 through a management buy-out, ECO PHYSICS stands strong today as an independent Swiss shareholder's company with an active board of members who are committed to the future growth and success of the company. We spoke to Dr. Grischa Peter Feuersänger, Head of Sales & Marketing who explained how the past 12 months have fared.

"We have received a positive recovery post pandemic. Many public projects were reopened which generated a lot of opportunities for new references. The war in East Europe is a new tough challenge to overcome, especially for companies that rely almost completely on importing parts and exporting their finished products. But the main challenge for all of us has particularly been the manufacturing costs, shipping routes and exchange rates. Since 2022, we have used this time to expand our product portfolio and modernise our production line. New staff has



been hired for production and R&D, and we have rearranged the supply chain due to the rise in production costs. We have adapted our yearly forecast to cater to this, we know it will be hard, but optimisation is our current goal."

Knowing there is no quick fix to economic changes, ECO PHYSICS is determined to continue innovating and has developed a new three-channel analyser based on chemiluminescence. As an upgrade from the The nCLD AL2, The nCLDAL3/8555 CY analyser is the next generation in high precision nitrogen oxide measurement. Unique in speed and reliability, the nCLDAL3/8555 CY is modular designed and capable of simultaneously NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub> and NOX-Amines. The new and intuitive graphical user interface also individually displays and connects to other instruments' data.

Overall stability and reliability are lifted to a new level. The optional electro-mechanical bypass system balances out even the fastest

of pressure variations occurring in the sample flow. Furthermore, the analyser is adaptable to numerous non-standardised applications and the calibration of the unit runs quickly and automatically with all necessary data available anywhere at any time. Its user friendly, compact, modular, and intelligent hosting its own CPU whilst enabling interaction with other CPUs by BUS-communication.

Additionally, ECO PHYSICS has also been developing upgrade kits for all its existing products to help counteract some of the problematic complications the supply chain has caused. "We have used this chance for some substantial upgrades in hardware, software and gas flow controls," added Dr. Grischa Peter Feuersänger.

Going forward, ECO PHYSICS is excited to continue working on optimising production workflow whilst simultaneously expanding its current portfolio and developing new technologies.

In closing, we asked Dr. Grischa Peter Feuersänger how the company felt receiving our award. He responded, "We are extremely honoured to be nominated, thank you."

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The three-channel chemiluminescence based NOX/NH<sub>3</sub> analyzers of the nCLD "Facelift" box-solution analyzers detect NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> at concentration ranges from 0-50ppb to 0-50ppm with a minimal detection limit from 0.4ppb. The three-channel nCLD AL3/8555 includes an internal pump and the slightly modified front panel has been equipped with an additional Power-button and a new internal PC. Additionally, all nCLD-models are capable of a remote power control, including a failsafe feature. The AL3/8555 is the ideal instrument for ambient air monitoring, either installed in racks, fixed monitoring stations or mobile laboratories. The instrument's inlet operates at ambient pressure. Calibration of the unit runs quick and automatic while all necessary data is continuously stored and readily available anywhere and at any time. According to ISO EN 14211.



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## ERG (Air Pollution Control) Ltd cleans up

The ERG group has over 40 years' experience and operates through three divisions. The powerhouse of the group is the first of these, ERG (Air Pollution Control) Ltd. This division has highly qualified and experienced teams of chemical, mechanical and electrical engineers who, together with design engineers, project managers and procurement professionals, design and supply bespoke gas scrubbing systems and odour control plants to meet their clients' requirements.

ERG solves the full spectrum of gas cleaning challenges facing its clients; whether it is a requirement to remove foul odours from air under ambient conditions prior to release into the atmosphere, right up to scrubbing streams of process gasses at high temperatures, high pressures, or in explosive environments to remove toxic or aggressive pollutants. The level of technical sophistication and bespoke engineering content in each project is specific to the clients' needs, with industrial applications typically demanding the highest processing technology.



The commercial driver leading clients to invest in ERG's systems might be a pressing requirement to comply with government regulations or with the emission limits set in an operating licence issued by an appropriate agency. For other clients, ERG's expertise is often sought to clean up gas streams that form an integral part of the client's production process. For example, in the green energy sector ERG's systems purify biogas or syngas that they have generated, so that the client's process runs more efficiently with lower pollution levels. In some cases, ERG's gas cleaning systems can even generate by-products, which become value added saleable side-streams.

Based in West Sussex, ERG has grown its business strongly over the years to build up a global sales network and client base.

An office in Jordan services ERG's business throughout the Middle East region, and is fully staffed with design engineers, project managers and local sales managers. A satellite sales office in Dubai completes the Middle East structure.

ERG (Plastic Fabrication) Ltd is the manufacturing division for the group and specialises in the high-quality custom fabrication of tanks, vessels, pipework and ducting from GRP and composite plastic materials, and which are used in the systems designed by ERG (Air Pollution Control). ERG (Plastic Fabrication) Ltd also welcomes commissions direct from 3rd party customers. It has a vast arsenal of services to offer clients, and has specialist experience in manufacturing using a wide range of plastic materials including PVC, CPVC, Polypropylene, PVDF, and other specialty plastics for harsh environments such as ECTFE.



Finally, the group includes ERG APC Maintenance Ltd. This division's mission is to provide servicing and maintenance support to customers throughout the lifetime of their air pollution control system. Service can be provided under contract to include a routine preventative maintenance servicing schedule designed to maintain system performance. Alternatively, maintenance can be provided on an ad hoc basis as and when required.

All three-company divisions are now based in superb new purpose-built office and factory facilities in West Sussex, which were completed in 2021. Having all divisions on the same site significantly enhances working efficiency, design quality, production quality, and production capacity.

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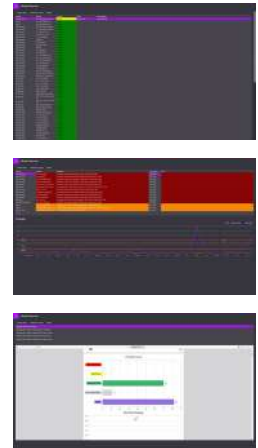
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## Leading the future of Valve Technology in 2025

In this issue of Industrial Solutions, we are proud to spotlight Oliver Valves as our **Top Recommendation for Valve Technology in 2025**



Oliver Valves has grown into a global leader in valve technology, continually innovating and expanding to serve the evolving needs of the energy industry.

Comprised of Oliver Valvetek, Oliver Twinsafe, and Oliver Hydcovalves, Oliver Valves specialise in the design and manufacture of high-performance valves and related equipment.

"We provide everything from Instrumentation valves to double block and bleed valves, manifolds, needle valves, ball valves, and subsea valves. We are also a specialist in custom-engineered solutions for extreme operating conditions such as high pressure, high temperature, and corrosive environments. Our valves support both traditional fossil-based applications and newer, greener energy sources, reflecting our commitment to the emerging energy landscape," stated Joe Cooper, Marketing Manager.

As a key supplier for the hydrogen and CCUS markets, Oliver Valves has successfully completed testing for its 1,500 and 2,500 class AH fugitive emissions needle valve head units, which are now fully qualified to ISO 15848-1. This achievement not only represents a major step forward in its commitment to helping the energy sector transition to a cleaner, more sustainable future, but solidifies

Oliver Valves' position as a leader in providing high-performance valve solutions for critical energy applications.

Nick Howard, Engineering Director at Oliver Valves, commented, "This qualification not only reinforces our commitment to innovation but also ensures that our customers can rely on our valves in the most demanding hydrogen and CCUS applications."

The results and performance indicated that the valves successfully passed rigorous testing across -46°C to +85°C with over 200 cycles, meeting strict industry

standards for tightness and fugitive emissions. Both 1,500 and 2,500 class valves performed exceptionally within ISO 15848-1 limits, ensuring reliability in static and dynamic conditions. Rated Class AH, they exhibit outstanding sealing with minimal emissions, making them ideal for hydrogen electrolyser systems.

The newly qualified valves offer durability, reduced maintenance, and long-term cost savings. Their high-cycle performance extends service life, minimising repairs, downtime, and leakage, making them ideal for demanding applications requiring tight sealing and minimal emissions.

"In addition to launching new product lines, we established Oliver Hydcovalves to focus on hydrogen and carbon capture valve solutions and to support the sector's rapid technological evolution. These steps ensure we stay ahead of market demands and maintain our position as a leading innovator in valve technology," added Joe.

Oliver Valves aims to remain at the forefront of the emerging energy market - expanding its capabilities in hydrogen, CCUS, and other new energy applications, whilst continuing to redefine its product range, supporting sustainable energy projects worldwide.

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## 45 years!

As we celebrate 45 years of success at Oliver Valves, we know that none of it would have been possible without the dedication of our incredible team of dedicated staff.

Today, we want to shine a light on one of our longest-serving members, Jimmy Dalzell, who has been with us for an impressive 36 years. Starting as an assembler in 1988, Jimmy's mechanical expertise and commitment have been instrumental in some of our most significant developments, including the introduction of our ball valve, DBB, Valvetek, and Twinsafe ranges.

Jimmy's journey with Oliver Valves has been marked by countless contributions, from hands-on assembly and pressure testing of products that began as ideas and grew into industry standards. Reflecting on his career, Jimmy fondly recalls the early days, particularly as his first

interaction with Dr Michael Oliver when he humorously asked Jimmy, "Have you gone to sleep there, pal?" as he filled out his job application. It's a memory that perfectly captures the friendly and supportive atmosphere that has made Oliver Valves more than just a workplace.

The two photos below show Jimmy with Mark Oliver and Colin Bell in 1991 and again last year as they recreated the image.

Thank you, Jimmy, for your unwavering dedication and for being such an integral part of our journey. Here's to many more milestones together!

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## Oliver Valves delivers key components for Shell Rosmari Marjoram project

Oliver Valves is excited to announce its latest contribution to the Shell Rosmari Marjoram Onshore Gas Package with the delivery of three different-sized valves tailored for the DS21 water treatment package.

DS21, originally a Korean company and now part of CECO Environmental based in Dallas, US, plays a significant role in this extensive project. The specialised valves from Oliver Valves are just a small part of a larger scope. Oliver Valves has also supplied the complete Double Block and Bleed (DBB) package for the Shell Rosmari Marjoram Onshore Gas Package, demonstrating their comprehensive capabilities and expertise in the industry.

In addition to the onshore components, Oliver Valves has successfully secured the offshore portion of the project through T7 Wenmax, their Malaysia agent, in collaboration with Malaysia Marine and Heavy Engineering (MMHE).

This achievement underscores Oliver Valves' commitment to innovation, quality, and excellence in the engineering sector. The company continues to be a trusted partner in delivering critical solutions for major international projects.

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# Take sound to the cloud with Quantum from Cirrus Research



For more than five decades, health and safety practitioners have turned to noise monitoring equipment such as handheld sound level meters and personal noise dosimeters to assess noise levels in the workplace. However, with more and more businesses choosing to operate from multiple sites as opposed to across one site, it's possible that these more traditional methods of noise measurement and monitoring may no longer be the most efficient.

## Quantum; the future of noise measurement

Quantum Indoor from Cirrus Research is a powerful noise monitoring solution with built-in cloud connectivity, perfect for continuous occupational noise monitoring, identifying the source and type of noise that is occurring, and highlighting where noise control measures are required.

With this instrument, it has never been easier to measure and monitor workplace noise continuously and remotely across one or multiple sites.

The cloud technology that is built into the Quantum instruments allows health and safety practitioners to connect multiple noise monitors on one account, allowing for data from each noise monitor to be viewed and assessed on one platform. This creates a network of interconnected instruments, whose data can be viewed and analysed side-by-side, removing the need to download information from separate handheld instruments one-by-one.

Additionally, Quantum indoor provides a constant ear to the ground, offering live and historical data round-the-clock that practitioners can access from anywhere, at any time and on any device. Whether users are on the other side of the planet to where the instrument is installed, or they're stood in the next room, the data is always accessible on demand via the online Quantum portal, powered by MyCirrus.

With a network of cloud-connected noise monitors, the need for users to be physically on-site to measure noise levels is vastly reduced. Cloud-connected

monitors, such as Quantum Indoor, can be installed and left to do their jobs completely unattended. They can then be configured remotely to send users real-time alerts when noise events occur, which provides greater control to health and safety practitioners in the workplace.

### With Quantum Indoor, you can:

- **Link multiple units** to form a cloud-connected network of noise monitors to make viewing the full picture of your workplace noise impacts easier.
- View your **live and historical data** in the Quantum portal anytime, anywhere around the world on any device.
- Create numerous **audio triggers and notifications** based on your personal set of conditions for acceptable noise emissions, and receive these notifications via email, SMS or push notification.
- Use the **frequency analysis** screen on the Quantum portal to further view and analyse your noise data and better understand the exact nature of the noise.
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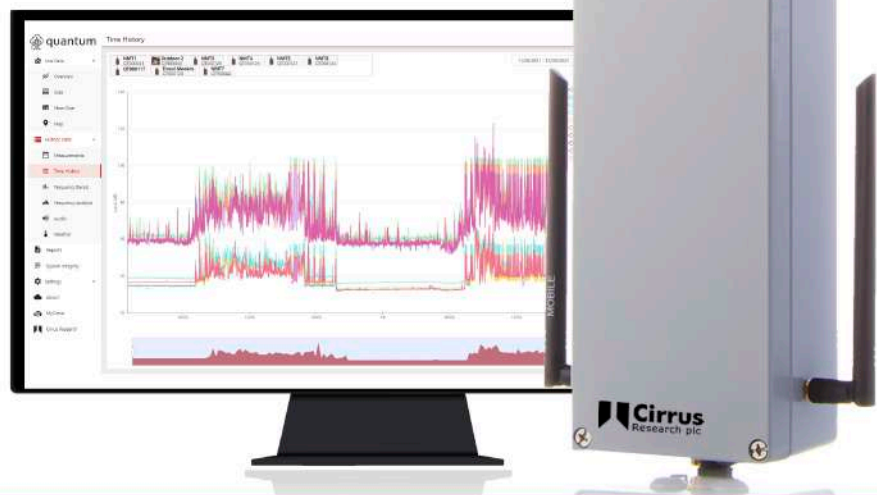
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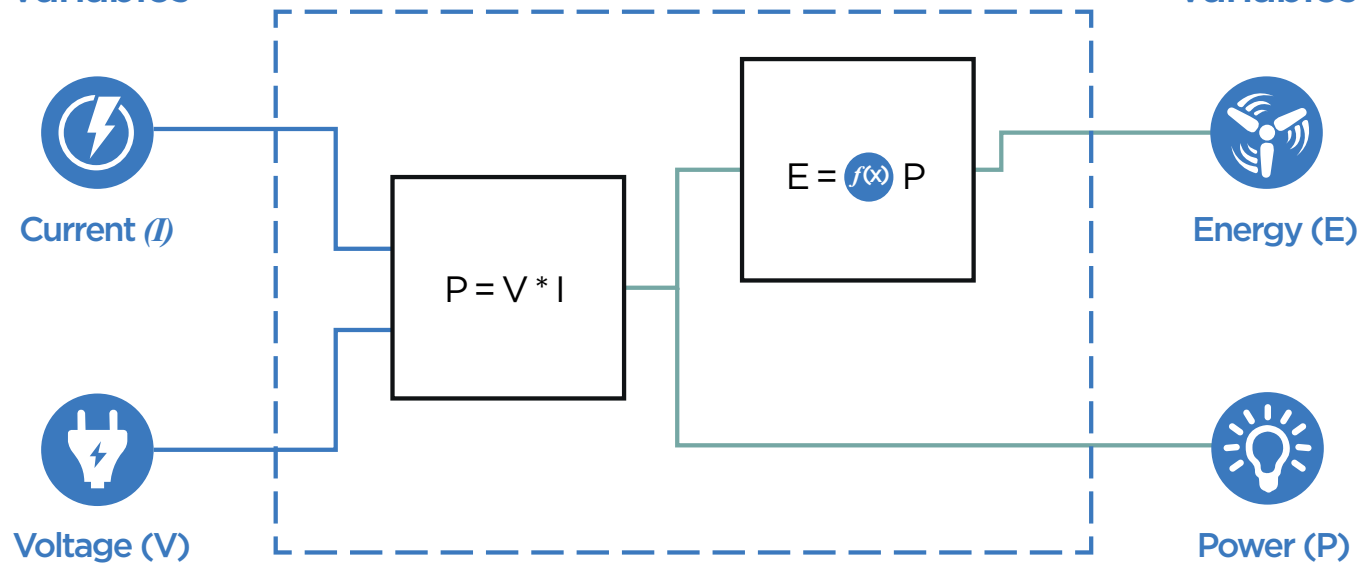
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Let's face it – how confident are you that your commercial drivers are truly prioritising safety on the roads? Can you be certain that daily walk-around checks are performed accurately? How do you know your drivers are actually getting out of their cabs to inspect their windscreens and tyres before ticking every box and going on their way? For many commercial fleets, the truth is that you don't.

It is well-documented that driving for work is one of the most dangerous things you can ask your employees to do. A staggering 33% of road deaths and 20% of serious injuries involve someone driving for work. So what are you doing about it?

## The reality of road safety in commercial fleets

Managing a fleet of commercial vehicles is no easy task. The logistical challenges are immense, and ensuring the safety of each driver is paramount. However, safety protocols can often become mere checkboxes in a long list of daily duties. When the pressure is on to meet delivery schedules and performance targets, it's easy for thorough inspections to fall by the wayside.

But this isn't just about meeting regulatory requirements or avoiding fines. The human cost is significant. When a driver skips a safety check, it could lead to severe consequences – an accident that could have been

prevented, injuries, or even fatalities. These incidents not only affect the driver and their family but can also have a profound impact on your business, from increased insurance premiums to the potential loss of contracts.

## The importance of thorough walk-around checks

Daily walk-around checks are a crucial part of ensuring vehicle safety. These inspections are designed to catch potential issues before they become serious problems. A cracked windscreen might seem like a minor issue, but it can obstruct the driver's view and become a major hazard. Worn tyres can lead to blowouts, especially at high speeds, putting the driver and others on the road at risk.

Ensuring that these checks are carried out properly is vital. This means making sure that your drivers are not just ticking boxes but are actually getting out of their cabs and performing the inspections thoroughly. However, manual checks can be inconsistent. Fatigue, complacency, or simple oversight can lead to missed steps, and without a robust system in place, these errors can go unnoticed until it's too late.

## Choosing CheckedSafe for safer roads

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With a focus on brand awareness, IAS brought its Easylift Spider Platforms and SOGAGE truck-mounted platforms to the APF Show from the 19th-21st September at Ragley Estate, Warwickshire. APF has been running since 1976 and is a respected dedicated biannual event for the whole forestry, woodland, arboriculture, firewood,



fencing, tree and timber sectors. It's the largest of its kind and attracted 23,000 visitors this year.

"APF 2024 was a huge success for us. We met lots of knowledgeable end-users, with a huge appetite for the latest machinery. As a biannual event, it had an extra buzz, with lots of strategic talk. We had lots of hot enquiries and sold a SOGAGE 24D double-articulated truck platform during the three-day event. This product has been precision-designed with safety in mind, with automatic stabilisation as standard. It can reach a working height of 23.60M and a lateral reach of 12,70M with a maximum load of 300kg: perfect for all tree surgery jobs. The SOGAGE 24D is set up to approach heights without risk of collision and with improved precision, which is ideal for manoeuvres like tree pruning." added Richard.

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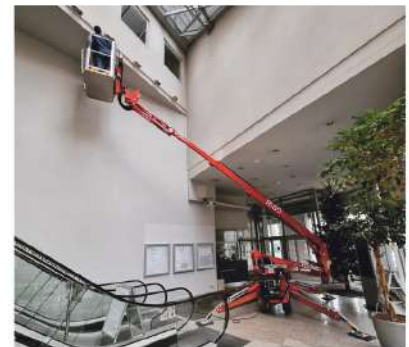
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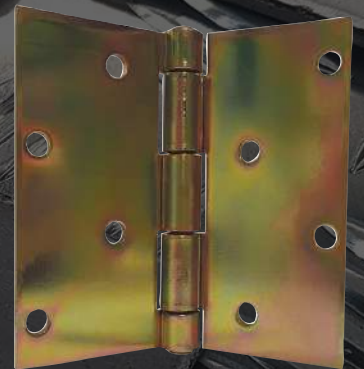
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Ninja Warrior Courses have likewise sprung up in major cities across the country, all inspired by the ITV hit programme Ninja Warrior UK. From Leicester to Liverpool, children and teenagers of all ages put their Ninja skills to the test in a series of physical obstacle courses.

Soft Play Centres hardly need an introduction, as most aunts, grandparents, and parents will have taken their child or younger relative to one at some point. Come rain or shine, all year round, soft play centres provide hours of safe, sociable fun for babies,



toddlers and children. Designed for children to let off steam, the integrated slides, ball pits and play areas are perfect for weekly meet ups and children's parties.

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Since 2022, the company has continued to strengthen in terms of revenue and new business. It has managed to maintain a strong conversion rate despite the current economic crisis and has found that enquiries for larger jobs as opposed to 'single window' types of jobs has been more popular especially from domestic clients.

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## Pioneering sustainability with Recycled Plastic Innovations

In this issue of Building Update, we are proud to spotlight Kedel as our top recommendation for eco-friendly plastic products in 2025.

This recommendation comes off the back of a fantastic year for Kedel. 2024 saw the company win double awards in the Feefo Trusted Service Awards 2024 as well as receive the Exceptional Service and Gold Trusted Service Awards 2024. These awards epitomise their exceptional customer experience across the board, which has been at the heart of Kedel operations since inception.

Kedel is a market-leading manufacturer and distributor of recycled plastic products, outdoor and park furniture. With a focus on sustainability, Kedel has been a front-runner in the industry since winning the 'Best Recycled Plastic Product' at the National Recycling Awards back in 2015.

Over the years, the family business has expanded, with a product range now serving a wide customer

base including local Government, housing associations, education, construction and domestic sectors.

The three founders are brothers: Kieran, Dermot and Lewis Walch, whose endeavour to bring sustainable products to the foreground have made Kedel products the 'industry's products of choice.'

"We manufacture plastic wood made from waste polystyrene, and we are also suppliers of many other types of recycled plastic profiles from other manufacturers. We stock tongue and groove boards, plastic sheet materials, decking, cladding, ground reinforcement and drainage grids, fencing and gates. In addition, we make a wide range of outdoor furniture often combining different types of recycled plastic into one product. These products include benches, tables, picnic tables, and notice boards just to name just a few. We also offer design services and have a large flatbed CNC (computer numerical controlled) machine for cutting and shaping to the CAD design parameters supplied by our customers,



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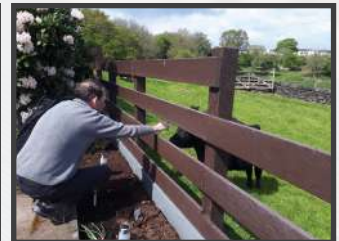
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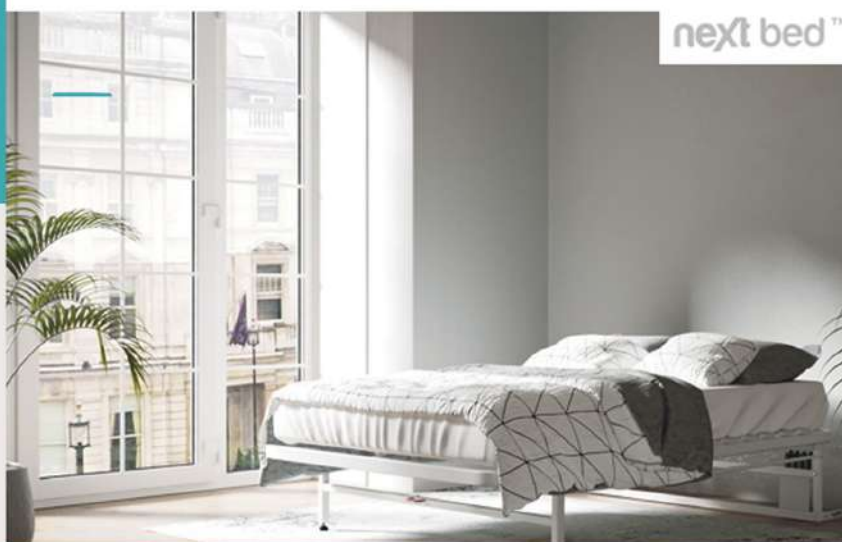
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From lamps for signalisation, panel mount indicators, LEDs, LED displays, medical lamps, and aviation lamps, CML provide light to an abundance of markets and pride itself on the ability to be as flexible and adaptable as possible in the manufacture of their own branded products to meet customer specifications and demand.

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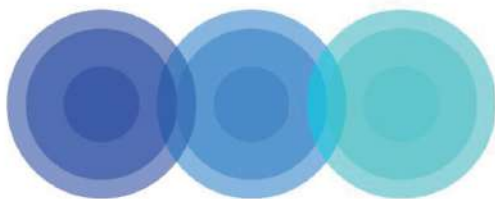
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Environmental awareness isn't something you'd normally associate with the construction sector. Indeed, it's reckoned that a third of the UK's entire carbon emissions come from the built environment.



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Company founder Rob Wilson says, "Direct Hoist has spent the past three years minimising our carbon footprint, crafting a robust strategy for our Net Zero future, and pushing forward with our written policy for our Construction Line (Silver) accreditation."



Rob's approach started with the basics: long-life, low-energy LED lighting was fitted to the firm's premises to replace inefficient equipment; recycling is rigorously monitored and separated to minimise general waste; scrap materials are weighed in. Then came switching electricity supplier to a 100% renewable electricity produced by wind and solar Farms for the firm's workshops and offices, and sustainable practices throughout the entire business and favours suppliers that are either local (to cut transportation) or offer green credentials.

Direct Hoist has added a fully electric Corsa to its fleet of diesel-powered vans that run on 100% renewable HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil) fuel, so now even a local supply run is fully renewable powered.

Of course, Direct Hoist has for years supplied electrically-powered construction hoists instead of old-fashioned engine-driven devices. Rob says, "They use a 110, 240 or 415-volt supply, depending on the lifting capacity and size of the hoist platform required, so there are no carbon (CO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) or carbon monoxide (CO) emissions here."



Direct Hoist is also investing in lithium-ion battery-powered lifts, which can carry 120kg up to heights of 10m, controlled wirelessly by a smart-phone app. They're ideal for transportation and installation of solar panels.

Most importantly, the inclusion of a hoist on any construction site has an added environmental benefit due to its manpower-saving efficiency. Construction hoists dramatically reduce project timescales – the speed and ability of a lifting platform to take tools and materials up multiple storeys can knock weeks off a large scheme – thereby minimising workers' journeys to and from site.

Rob says, "Direct Hoist is committed to going green, and we're taking a direct route towards sustainability."

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Incorporated in 1961, the company was named after their father William John Horrod Snr, whose financial support made it possible. Over the years, it remained a family business, with younger brothers and later generations taking the helm. Today, second-generation directors Kim and Terry run the company, with third-generation apprenticeship to carry on the legacy.

For 75 years, W J Horrod Ltd has been at the forefront of manufacturing equipment for industrial solutions. Based in London, the company is widely recognised as the industry leader in safety and efficiency.

Horrods thrive on challenges: continually developing, designing, and testing new products to ensure customers have the very best machinery and plant for each project. Over the years, Horrods has worked across mainly the 'building' industry, but its expertise is not strictly



limited to it. The company has provided all manner of products for manual handling, with clients ranging from the Royal Opera House, to the QEII Conference centre and Billingsgate Market. Their product range is extensive, and includes everything from the SwiftMelt Mastic asphalt mixer to Hotboxes, Hot Air Rubber Materials melters, and thermoplastic pre heaters (whiteliners.)

Always at the forefront of safety, quality and efficiency, Horrods' range of services also include operator training, a

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Terry Horrod Snr truly championed health & safety and advised HSE on good practices until the early 2000's. Safety continues to be the watch word at Horrods today, as many of the larger products have moving parts using LPG Propane Gas or electric elements, and are heating vessels that produce hot materials.

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"We have had a good start to this fiscal year, which was surprising with the current downturn in world trade. Our short-term plan is to improve our office environment with some renovations and also look at team building activities that had to be suspended throughout COVID. We are also looking at more training for our staff so they can gain even more experience and knowledge to help assist our clients."

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