

## **WTR Take 'Most Promising' Title at Scottish Offshore Oscars**

The Scottish Offshore Achievement Awards 2007 showcased some of the industry's finest talent, with awards that recognise those companies that are leading the industry across all sectors. Walker Technical Resources (WTR), the industries leader in composite pipe repair, took the title of 'Most Promising Small Company' at the esteemed Aberdeen award ceremony.

WTR has developed some of the most advanced composite products in its field – trademarked 'Technowrap' – which are highly regarded within the oil and gas industry for their cost-effective, reliable, quality, engineered repair service coupled with their lifetime guarantees and rigid compliance with international standards.



Some of the WTR team, Ewan Robertson, Hilary Smith-Milne, managing director Graham Birnie, Audrey Fraser, Pete Day and Kellih Girvan

WTR chairman, John 'Tiny' Langler, who was recently appointed Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the consular district of Scotland, said "WTR ended 2006 by achieving a world first, by being the only oil and gas service company, both in the UK and internationally, to achieve British Standard Institute (BSI) Integrated Management Registration (IMR) and Lloyd's Register Type Approval for a composite pipe repair system.

"Now we have kick-started 2007 by winning this award, considered by many as the oil industry Oscars. The team at WTR have big plans for the future - the company aims to further its position as a global leader in composite repair services by expanding internationally, including operations in Kazakhstan, and continuing with innovative research and development."

WTR's original product was developed in the early nineties as a temporary repair to allow operators the time for planned pipeline change-outs to take place. WTR has

gone on to introduce innovative composites that allow pipelines to be repaired without breaking into the pipeline for lifetimes in excess of 20 years. The company's core product 'Technowrap' has been supplemented with a range that can be applied in temperatures from -70 C to 250 C allowing the technology to be utilised in all geographic locations.

WTR managing director, Graham Birnie added: "Winning this award, along with our recent accreditations give third-party re-assurance that all applicable legislation and international standards are being complied with and allows WTR to offer an outstanding level of service that is unrivalled globally - currently providing services in the North Sea, Norway, Africa, Canada and Qatar, with an enviable client list."

"The whole team contributed to these recent successes. It feels like all the hard work and high standards that we have set for ourselves have finally been recognised by our peers through the Scottish Offshore Achievement Award – I was happy to accept the award on behalf of everyone at WTR."

The award comes in addition to many recent progressive events taking place for WTR, including the world first accreditations and WTR chairman John 'Tiny' Langler receiving the title of Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the consular district of Scotland.