



**FORTH AND TAY**  
DECOMMISSIONING

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### **NEW ALLIANCE CREATES TURNKEY SOLUTION IN THE TAY AND FORTH FOR DECOMMISSIONING PROJECTS**

#### **LEADING BUSINESSES JOIN FORCES TO DELIVER A ONE-STOP DECOM HUB AND POTENTIAL NEW VIRTUAL DEEP WATER QUAYSIDE**

A new alliance of leading businesses in the North Sea Oil & Gas decommissioning sector, has been formed and launched today in Dundee (18 March). Named Forth and Tay Decommissioning, the alliance of businesses has been created with a shared vision to position Dundee as the UK Hub for North Sea oil and gas decommissioning.

Forth and Tay Decommissioning (F&TD) offers an entire supply chain including ABB, Augean North Sea Services, COES Caledonian, Forth Ports, John Lawrie Group, Offshore Decommissioning Services and Well-Safe Solutions which can deliver an integrated, end-to-end service for North Sea Oil & Gas decommissioning. F&TD will manage every step of the decommissioning process from a single, strategically positioned hub at the Port of Dundee. From well abandonment and making safe, through topside and subsea removal, to onshore recycling and monitoring - each stage adheres to a rigorous planning process, with seamless project and facilities management ensuring reliable and environmentally robust delivery and value.

In the Firth of Forth, F&TD will consider utilising Scotland's natural resources by taking the quayside to the deep water through the creation a new virtual deep water port at a deep water anchorage. A feasibility study has been commissioned and is being carried out by Bureau Veritas to look into the viability of the creation of the floating deep water quayside capable of accommodating the very largest decommissioning projects.

Commenting on the new alliance, **Callum Falconer, Chief Executive of Dundecom**, said: *“Today is an exciting day as we launch Forth and Tay Decommissioning. This is the natural evolution of Dundecom, which was started two years ago with the vision of creating a decommissioning hub in Dundee. This vision is now being realised.*

*“F&TD will create the framework for a sustainable, profitable and low cost decommissioning industry in Dundee, and better serve the future needs of our industry in Scotland. We are supporting and aligning with the UK Government and industry regulators through our new model for decommissioning. I am confident that the feasibility study, also announced today, for a virtual deep water quayside will demonstrate that there is an opportunity to take an alternative approach by taking the quayside to the deep water thus capitalising on the natural deep water in the Forth.”*

One of the founding partners, **Charles Hammond, Chief Executive of Forth Ports** (owners of the Port of Dundee), said: *“Through significant private investment and strong partnerships, Dundee now offers a full service for the North Sea Oil and Gas decommissioning sector. The proximity to the skills base in Dundee, along with unrivaled land space and heavy lift quayside, makes Dundee the logical choice for large scale decommissioning in Scotland. The study into a virtual deep water quay will ensure that we take advantage of the deep water in the Forth to accommodate the largest of decom projects.”*

By establishing a permanent UK base for end-to-end service delivery, Forth and Tay Decommissioning will successfully eliminate the high cost, effort and risk of relocating talent and equipment for traditional project-based decommissioning. Dundee in particular offers a highly-skilled local workforce, with access to major transport links for easy commuting and streamlined logistics, while the Port of Dundee’s strategic location, ample dockside, and portcentric infrastructure make it the ideal domestic hub for decommissioning

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Forth and Tay Decommissioning (F&TD) is an alliance of leading businesses in the Decommissioning sector including Forth Ports, ODS, Well-Safe Solutions, John Lawrie Group, Augean, COES Caledonian and ABB and has been created with a shared vision to position Dundee as the UK Hub for North Sea Oil and Gas decommissioning. F&TD offers an entire supply chain that can deliver an integrated, end-to-end service. F&TD can manage every step of the decommissioning process from a single, strategically positioned hub at Port of Dundee. From well abandonment and making safe, through topside and subsea removal, to onshore recycling and monitoring - each stage adheres to a rigorous planning process, with seamless project and facilities management ensuring reliable delivery and undeniable value.

**F&TD Founding Partners (in alpha order):**

- **ABB** - Innovating together with customers to plan, execute and transform projects and improve results for the oil and gas industry.
- **Augean North Sea Services** - The sector leader in modernising hazardous waste management - providing sustainable, compliance-led solutions - Augean is proven in dealing with the UK's most hazardous wastes.
- **COES Caledonia (UK) Limited** - A subsidiary of Chinese Ocean Engineering Shanghai (COES), which was founded in 1951, with globally recognised expertise in offshore installation and decommissioning, offshore renewables, salvage and wreck removal, subsea, diving and construction services, ocean towage, and anchor handling and supply.
- **Forth Ports** - One of the UK's leading port service providers, adding value through its portcentric infrastructure and operations. Its Port of Dundee facility offers the ideal location, logistically and geographically, to establish the UK's dedicated hub for end-to end decommissioning.
- **John Lawrie Group** - The largest metal recycler and exporter of processed metal in North and North East Scotland. An experienced decommissioning supply chain member, it operates four SEPA-licensed waste treatment facilities close to quaysides – Aberdeen, Evanton near Invergordon, Lerwick and Montrose – with a total annual licensed capacity of 285,000 tonnes. A circular economy advocate and 2017 VIBES award winner, the firm is expanding its operations in 2020 by opening a new quayside metal recycling and decommissioning facility in Dundee.
- **Offshore Decommissioning Services** - Formed in 2017 to provide offshore industries with innovative multipurpose, economical, safe and environmentally friendly heavy-lift solutions - supporting single topside lifts, jackets, subsea infrastructure and more.
- **Well-Safe** - Using its own bespoke marine and land-based assets together with its in-house expertise, Well-Safe offers fully integrated "Tier 1" well abandonment services.

**F&TD Supporting Partners (in alpha order):**

- **Bureau Veritas** - A world-leading classification society, offering a wide range of value-added Marine and Offshore services designed to help clients address industry specific risks and challenges.
- **DC Thomson** - A leading UK publishing & media house and a Dundonian family enterprise, supporting a prosperous future for the people and organisations of Dundee and beyond, since 1905.
- **Dundee City Council** - Committed to supporting and investing in the future of the people, infrastructure, businesses, and industries of Dundee.
- **OM Heavy Lift** - Expert oil and gas industry service provider, specialising in asset recovery and reuse, equipment acquisition and disposal, heavy lifting, and more.
- **Robertson Recycling** - A fully licensed, SEPA approved decommissioning site at the Port of Dundee which offers the easy sale and purchase of high quality ferrous and non-ferrous scrap metals.
- **Texo** - Meeting the demand for integrated engineering services within an unprecedented offering in turnkey services to both UK and global markets, from initial design, through to lifecycle management of critical assets.