



PD PORTS SEES JDR EXPAND SERVICE FOOTPRINT AT PORT OF HARTLEPOOL, UK

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JDR, a leading provider of technology connecting the global offshore energy industry, has expanded its service footprint with PD Ports in Hartlepool to support its continued growth in the oil and gas and renewables sectors.

JDR has been a tenant at the Port of Hartlepool since first acquiring 97,000 square foot (sq.ft.) of warehouse space in 2008 and subsequently transformed it in to a world-class manufacturing facility. Since then, JDR's foothold has increased substantially and now includes three adjoining warehouses for manufacture and storage at the Port, totalling over 280,000 square feet.

The increased capacity will house a new state-of-the-art, high-capacity horizontal helix lay-up machine to manufacture umbilicals meeting the highest standards and technical specifications for steel and thermoplastic. The expansion will also provide additional storage for 6,000 metric tonnes of equipment.

David Currie, CEO of JDR, says: "On behalf of JDR we are delighted to be growing our footprint and manufacturing capabilities at Hartlepool. Crucially, this investment will enable JDR to offer unrivalled technical expertise to design, test and deliver the next generation of subsea technology. By planning for the long term, we can anticipate the future needs of our customers and cement our position as a trusted partner, and be an integral part of clients' project success. It is good news for the area and more specifically for the current workforce who continue to be a fundamental part of our achievements. We are equally excited to continue our relationship with PD Ports with the expansion of our facility."

Richard Turner, COO of JDR, adds: "After the initial investment in our facility in Hartlepool in 2008, we have continued to invest incrementally in the site which is now a recognised world-wide centre of excellence for the design and manufacture of subsea power cables and umbilicals. This next exciting phase of expansion, necessitated by growing demand for our products, underlines our long-term commitment to Hartlepool and will give JDR the capacity to be the technology partner of choice for customers in all segments of the offshore energy industry."

Jerry Hopkinson, PD Ports' Managing Director Bulks and Port Services, commented: "We are pleased to see PD Ports' relationship with JDR continue through the growth of its world-class manufacturing facilities in Hartlepool. Our infrastructure at the Port is well suited to support companies within the energy sector due to its excellent transport links and distance to operations in the southern sector of the North Sea.

"The continued support and investment by JDR further strengthens the Port's position as the hub for a thriving cluster of offshore related businesses and adds to its growing number of successes in this sector."

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Note to Editors:**About PD Ports**

PD Ports is a multi-award winning ports and logistics business. Our aim is to deliver solutions that deliver real improvements to supply chains. We are based in the north of England with operations throughout the UK. The Company employs over 1350 members of staff.

We own and operate Teesport, the UK's third largest port by volume and the 2nd largest container port in the North East.

PD Ports is owned by Brookfield Asset Management Inc. Brookfield Asset Management Inc is a global alternative asset manager. Brookfield has over a 100-year history of owning and operating assets with a focus on property, renewable power, infrastructure and private equity.

The PD Ports Group, including PD Portcentric Logistics and PD Logistics, provides a comprehensive service offering across its locations.

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About JDR

JDR is a leading provider of technology connecting the global offshore energy industry. Our products and services enable vital control and power delivery to offshore oil, gas and renewable energy systems.

The world's major energy companies and subsea service providers depend on high performance subsea control umbilicals and subsea power cables that operate in the world's harshest offshore environments. JDR invests in state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities, technology and people to deliver these world-class subsea products.

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