

## Global Offshore welcomes new cable carousel at the Port of Blyth

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Global Offshore, a leading provider of cable installation, repair and trenching services to the offshore renewables, utilities and oil & gas markets, and part of the Global Marine Group, has installed a 2,000-tonne capacity power cable carousel at Port of Blyth's Battleship Wharf terminal.

The strategically located cable carousel, provided by Swan Hunter, offers Global Offshore increased operational flexibility with short-term, local cable storage, reduced mobilisation times and improved cost efficiencies for their customers.

The port, where cable-lay vessels Normand Clipper and Global Symphony are frequently mobilised, has become an operational hub for Aberdeen-based Global Offshore in recent years. The port's location on the northeast coast is ideally situated for the company's wealth of campaigns in the North Sea.

The new carousel, which is equipped with a 10-tonne tensioner to ensure effective cable handling from vessel to shore, and back, also offers short-term options for clients requiring reliable cable storage on the northeast coast of England.

Mike Daniel, Managing Director at Global Offshore, said, "Expanding our presence at the Port of Blyth, the introduction of our new cable storage carousel enables us to reduce cable transportation costs as well as offering quicker mobilisation to aid our regular offshore operations in the North Sea.

"The facility also affords us the ability to monitor and maintain these precious assets closer to our operational base on site, to ensure they are ready and available for use on installation and maintenance projects at short notice."

The first loading of the carousel took place earlier this month from the Global Symphony, which had returned to the port after a seven-day umbilical installation campaign in the North Sea.

Martin Lawlor, Chief Executive at Port of Blyth, said, “We’re delighted to be supporting one of our major customers with the installation of what will no doubt be a well-used cable storage facility, especially given the Port’s strategic North Sea location. The installation adds to our supply chain capabilities and strengthens our position as an offshore energy hub.”

The new cable carousel at the Port of Blyth is in addition to Global Marine Group’s purpose-built secured storage facility in Portland, Dorset which offers the ideal environment for the long-term protection of both power and telecoms cables on the south coast.

With a host of cable campaigns in the North Sea lined-up for 2021 and beyond, Global Offshore’s new cable carousel is one of many recent additions to the company’s asset portfolio that will be utilised for oil & gas and renewables projects in the future.

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#### **Notes to the Editor**

##### **About Global Marine Group**

Global Marine Group (GMG) is a market leader in offshore engineering and is recognised as a high quality, independent strategic partner across multiple sectors. GMG consists of four business units; Global Marine, providing fibre optic cable solutions to the telecommunications and oil & gas markets, CWind providing topside, splash zone and subsea engineering services to the offshore renewables market, Global Offshore delivering cable installation, repair and trenching services to the offshore renewables, utilities and oil & gas markets, and OceanIQ providing subsea cable data, survey, route engineering and consultancy services to the telecommunications, offshore renewables, utilities and oil & gas markets.

GMG is uniquely positioned to support the diverse requirements of its global customer base via its ownership of one of the world’s largest offshore support vessel fleets which includes three specialist cable installation and repair vessels, four maintenance vessels and 17 owned CTVs. The company is the longest operating marine services provider in the world with a history dating back to 1850. The Group boasts a number of industry achievements, from installing the first subsea cable between France and the UK, being part of the consortium that invented the subsea cable universal joint, and right through to today, finding solutions to combat global carbon emissions.

Most recently, the company was recognised for its innovative approach by being awarded with EEEGR's Marine Science & Technology Award 2019 for the PLP240 design and build as well as receiving the peer nominated Offshore Renewables Award at Offshore Support Journal Awards 2020 for the design of the fuel efficient Hybrid SES.

The Group is recognised for its global presence with successful joint ventures in China and Taiwan and aspires to achieve its vision 'Engineering a clean and connected future'.

Global Marine Group is a portfolio company of J.F. Lehman & Company, a leading middle-market private equity firm focused exclusively on the aerospace, defence, maritime, government and environmental sectors.

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### About Port of Blyth

Port of Blyth is the port operating division of Blyth Harbour Commission, an independent statutory trust established in 1882 and is one of the largest Trust Port's in the UK handling up to 2 million tonnes of cargo per annum across four terminals based around the River Blyth.

Together with major logistics and training divisions, the Port group turned over £21.7 million in 2019/20 and despite challenging global trading conditions has supported clients on a number of major projects throughout the year.

Such success has been driven by growth across a variety of sectors but particularly offshore energy (oil & gas and wind) with the Port is now recognised as a major strategic east coast base supporting the sector and also owns a fully licenced decommissioning facility. Other trade handled includes containers, dry bulks (coal, aggregates, cement etc) and marine fuels.

As a Trust Port, all profits are re-invested back into the Port to improve facilities and to provide benefits for its wider stakeholders.

For more information about Port of Blyth please visit our website at [www.portofblyth.co.uk](http://www.portofblyth.co.uk).