## **Xodus Consultancy Opens Perth Office**

A new Aberdeen based oil and gas consultancy, the Xodus Group, has opened a Perth office as part of its global expansion plans just over a year after it first began operations.

Xodus Chairman, Alistair Dorman, said the company had planned to open an international office when it was first launched and had examined several options including Moscow, Kuala Lumpur and Houston.

"However, we believe the best strategic overseas move for us is to initially have a significant presence in Western Australia", Dorman said. "The Asia Pacific market is very buoyant and has the potential for rapid growth. There are now many similarities to the mature he said. "However with a great benefits package and an innovative and pro-active approach to recruitment, we are overcoming those challenges. We see the possibility of relocation to and from our Australia office as being particularly attractive to both existing and potential employees at Xodus in Aberdeen and Perth."

Xodus is a multi-discipline consultancy specialising in the independent delivery of consultancy services and production optimisation products that support the upstream oil and gas sector. The Xodus Group comprises three divisions: Xodus Subsea, Xodus Oil and Gas and Xodus Technology.

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market here in Aberdeen and we will be using our experience and expertise to exploit the opportunities."

Dorman said the Perth office will also open up opportunities for staff. "With the global skills shortage, there are the same problems recruiting people in Australia as in the UK", The company recently announced that it had exceeded its financial objectives, allowing it to embark on its internationalisation plans earlier than expected. Dorman said the international expansion will be entirely self funded. Xodus recently celebrated its first year in business with the news that it had reached a turnover of over \$11 million with a staff of 60.

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