

## Maxwell Drummond International Acquires Petro-People Australia



*Karina Chapman*

**S**trengthening its global presence, Maxwell Drummond International has acquired executive search and professional recruitment firm Petro-People Australia Pty Ltd. Karina Chapman, Petro-People's Managing Director and co-founder will now be responsible for leading Maxwell Drummond's operations in Sydney and managing search assignments in the Australasian region. The acquisition of Petro-People further reinforces Maxwell Drummond's foothold in the Australasian market.

Kevin Davidson, Chief Operating Officer of Maxwell Drummond said, "The acquisition of Petro-People provides us with a platform for further growth in the Asia Pacific region and a base in Sydney alongside other Australian office in Perth. Karina's expertise within the upstream oil and gas industry across Australia and overseas will help us to extend our global reach."

"With over 25 years experience sourcing senior oil and gas professionals globally for Australian and New Zealand based clients, Karina has developed a strong reputation in the industry and an extensive network of contacts for sourcing the best candidates. The synergy between our businesses made Petro People an obvious fit with Maxwell Drummond and the acquisition will contribute to the integration of our worldwide operations, whilst maintaining high levels of service for our clients."

Established in 1987, Maxwell Drummond International provides executive search and consultancy services in the oil, gas and natural resource industry.

Following a period of planned growth the company has seen annual turnover increase by more than 40% in each of the last three years. Its international capability has developed exponentially during this time. In addition to operations in Sydney and Perth, Maxwell Drummond has six other established offices in Aberdeen, London, Houston, Calgary, Edmonton and Johannesburg

Karina Chapman said, "As the oil and gas industry continues to expand globally there is a greater requirement for worldwide executive search expertise. Like Petro-People, Maxwell Drummond has been quick to recognise this and has already achieved exceptional growth, expanding its network into the US, Canada, South Africa and now Australia. Using my expertise and many years experience within the upstream oil and gas sector, I look forward to playing a major part in the company's continued development in the Australasian market."

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