



Press Release

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TUV NEL scheme receives accreditation from IMechE

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Scottish based TUV NEL, the engineering technology services organisation, has received full accreditation by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers for its Monitored Professional Development Scheme. The accreditation granted by IMechE's Professional Development Standards Committee is for the development of Incorporated and Chartered Engineers and will be effective for three years, until 3rd August 2013.

TUV NEL's Monitored Professional Development Scheme (MPDS) is a quality controlled route to assist new and recent graduate engineers from mechanical, chemical, electronic and electrical disciplines to achieving Chartered Engineer or Incorporated Engineer status.

The company set up this scheme in response to consistent feedback from its current graduates, industrial placement students and job applicants that becoming a Chartered Engineer was one of their primary career goals upon attaining their degrees. It therefore recognised that a structured scheme to support the route to Chartership was a critical recruitment and retention tool for engineering talent.

Commenting on the recent accreditation, Tracy Brown, TUV NEL's HR Manager, said, "IMechE's accreditation is a great achievement for us and it proves our excellence and commitment to operating to international standards. It testifies that our scheme meets the rigorous standards of IMechE for the provision of quality training, support and opportunities for developing engineering graduates to achieve Chartership.

“The MPDS aims to provide developing engineers with sufficient opportunity to meet the requirements of the UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence (UK-SPEC). This takes place through planned and co-ordinated exposure to different activities throughout its various business functions over their first four years with the company, and under the guidance of designated mentors. It also provides the pathway for graduates to attain the Masters level academic requirements of UK-SPEC.”

Over the last three years, TUV NEL has successfully hired thirteen new graduates across various engineering disciplines. Achieving accreditation for its MPDS positions the company well on track to continue attracting and retaining high calibre engineering graduates through the support this will provide towards meeting their initial professional development needs, and

Sandra Mulligan, IMechE’s Business Development Manager, Scotland said: “The Monitored Professional Development Scheme provides a robust and comprehensive framework that supports the development of Professional Engineers. However, the scheme would not be successful without the support and commitment of TUV NEL. The company has demonstrated their desire to successfully underpin their engineering community with engineering graduates who will then be supported and nurtured on their journey to Professional Registration. The IMechE is delighted to be associated with TUV NEL and look forward to a happy and productive long term working relationship.”

Stuart Cameron, Vice President of the Institution, presented TUV NEL with their certificate and commented “It was very encouraging that TUV NEL are training their graduate engineers through MPDS. It is a significant commitment on their behalf and I am positive that they will reap the benefits.”

For further information on the IMechE accredited Monitored Professional Development Scheme at TUV NEL, please contact Tracy Brown.

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Notes to the Editor:

About IMechE:

Founded in 1987, the IMechE is a chartered professional engineering body registered with the Engineering Council. Headquartered in the UK, IMechE's mission statement is to 'create the natural professional home for all involved in Mechanical Engineering'.

Today, the IMechE has over 80,000 members in 120 countries across the world.

About TUV NEL:

TUV NEL is the custodian of the UK's National Flow Measurement Standards. As a leading international technology services organisation and provider of pipeline fluid management services to the global petroleum industry, TUV NEL has an impressive track record in the development, design and application of leading edge technology.

With more than five decades of industry knowledge delivering world class innovative solutions to difficult problems, the company provides consultancy, R&D, test and calibration, and knowledge transfer to clients across industries including oil & gas, government, manufacturing, renewable and sustainable energy on a local and global basis.

TUV NEL is a part of the TÜV SÜD, a leading international service organisation. With over 15,000 employees, it is represented worldwide at more than 600 locations.