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Ikon Science appoints Paul O'Brien and expands North American operations

Specialist oil and gas software creator, Ikon Science, has strengthened its senior management team with the appointment of a Sales Director for Europe, Africa and the Middle East and is also boosting its presence in North America.

The company is expanding its Houston office in response to increased client interest and following the launch of its new pore pressure prediction calculator, RokDoc® PPC, in conjunction with Shell Houston last month. Current Ikon Science Sales Director, Emma Southwell-Sander is moving from the company's UK-based operations to join the Houston office as General Manager, America, to lead the expansion of the North-America based sales function, customer support, training and service department.

Emma Southwell-Sander said, "the expansion of our business through the Americas reflects our growing global client base and an opening in the industry for innovative software providers who can work closely with clients needs."

Ikon gains further sales and customer focus by the hire of Sales Director, Paul O'Brien, who will focus on developing the company's markets and accounts in North and West Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

Paul O'Brien has more than 27 years' industry experience and joins Ikon Science from MTEM Ltd, where he was Sales Manager. Before joining MTEM he was Vice President, Sales for VoxelVision, now a Schlumberger company. He has also held senior sales positions with Landmark, Paradigm, Advance Geophysical & Cogniseis. He has a degree in physics and geology.

Managing Director Martyn Millwood Hargrave said: 'Ikon Science is going from strength to strength. The expansion of our North American office and Paul's appointment come at a time when we are seeing rapid uptake of our software products from major companies.'

Paul O'Brien said: 'Over the last five years Ikon Science has built a great team, excellent software products and an impressive client list. I look forward to helping Ikon become a major player in the exploration and production industry.'

Notes to editors

Ikon Science

Ikon Science develops software, tools and services to help oil and gas exploration professionals analyse seismic data, assess exploration and production risks and opportunities. The company's products aim to improve existing prediction, search and detection methods used in subsurface data analysis.

Ikon Science, which was founded in 2001, has more than 100 clients, employs 24 people and has offices in London, Houston, Beijing and Perth, Australia. The company is privately owned and counts Tullow Oil plc and Shell Technology Ventures Ltd among its industry investors.

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