

Offshore Company CAN Achieves Safety Milestone

British Safety Council member CAN is celebrating after achieving the milestone of two million man hours without a Lost Time Incident (LTI).

CAN is a leading provider of engineering, inspection and maintenance solutions to the oil and gas industry worldwide. It pioneered rope access as a safer and more efficient alternative means to conventional access systems in the offshore industry.

CAN's last LTI was in October 2007 and the company completed 2008 without a single LTI, no mean feat for an organisation operating in one of the most hazardous sectors of industry. QHSE manager Gillian Farrell hopes the company will finish 2009 in the same fashion. "It's a fantastic achievement for all CAN staff and ultimately we couldn't do it without everybody's input and co-operation. It is a great milestone but the most important thing is that we don't lose our focus now."

Gillian adds that safety is integral to all the company does and is not just an add-on. "We work hard to ensure that our employees are trained and competent to the best possible standards for the activities they are required to do. We make sure our procedures and processes are accessible and understood, and we ensure that everyone is aware of them."

The BSC's interim chief executive Julie Nerney says: "Understanding the requirements for the effective management of safety is only one part of the equation; maintaining them and delivering sustained safe practice is truly challenging. CAN's achievement is a credit to its commitment to best practice and sets a standard to which other organisations can aspire."

Gillian hopes that achieving two million man hours without an LTI will help the company when working with its clients and tendering for new business. "Our clients want to use

contractors that have robust safety systems and a strong culture in place. This milestone is evidence that we are working to a high standard and we want to maintain this standard as ultimately we wish to ensure our employees go home in the same condition they came to work in."



CAN carries out hazardous work offshore.