

ABERDEEN NDE TRAINING CENTRE MOVES FORWARD WITH APPROVALS & ACCREDITATIONS



Left to Right: Raymond Wilson, Tracey Wink and Andy Anderson

Our Centre will provide:

PCN & SNT Level I, II & III training, examination & certification in NDT methods: MT, PT, UT, ET, RT, RI, BRS, TOFD, PAUT.

Company specific NDT examinations & evaluations

Advanced training programmes for qualified & non-qualified NDT personnel

Consultancy NDT Level III Services — Auditing/Procedure drafting, review & endorsements

Corrosion/Erosion Monitoring using conventional & advanced NDT systems

NDT Familiarisation/Awareness programmes

Competency assessments & evaluations

Equipment familiarisation programs & application

New extension to scope of NDT Training & Certification Services available in 2010

Aberdeen NDE Centre Ltd, a specialist in providing NDT Training, Certification, NDT Level III Services, and Consultancy, has now developed and launched an NDT Application Centre for the Oil and Gas Industry to include the accommodation a variety of other industries within the world of NDE.

With an investment of over £200,000 in establishing the centre, will help raise and promote a high standard of NDT training and Certification that meet with an ever demanding requirement to have engineering students/technicians comply with sector specifications and Standards applied.

Aberdeen NDE Centre Ltd, a privately owned company, set up in February 2009, with the training centre opening up to run the first of the training courses on the 8 June 2009. The period between February and June was based on the refurbishment of the Centre in order to accommodate reception areas, classrooms complete with all training aids, lighting and heating, practical facilities dedicated with purpose built test bays suitable to the various NDT disciplines taught using the companies new range of equipment. Included in our investment, purchases over £50,000 have been made on flawed specimens used in both training and certification and a further £15,000 on flawed specimens specific to use in PCN examinations only. Our sample based for training is continuously growing in order to cover welds, forgings and in particular corrosion/erosion. Aberdeen NDE Centre currently employ 5 staff and a further 6 NDT Level III personnel available giving support in terms of consultancy and services within the UK and around the world. To date the Centre has compiled a comprehensive

list of services and experts to provide a quick, responsive resource for the Industry at effective costs.

Director of NDT Level III Services, Raymond Wilson commented "being in this industry for over 20 years, I believe that there are two distinct keys to significant and successful training, with firstly the trainers having relative knowledge, experience and education within the industry in previous years and suited to that of the lectures given. Secondly, the trainer being capable of delivering the relative knowledge, experience, education where in addition include a high level of attention given to students around each NDT subject covered in lectures, this we provide."

Since 1996, Raymond has been providing training and certification in NDT

in accordance with company based schemes in particular SNT-TC-1A and EN473 (PCN), working closely with many of the Aberdeen based Oil and Gas related companies in manufacture, fabrication, in-service inspection and integrity both National and International recognised certification schemes. Over this period Raymond has also delivered the same service extensively over many International locations around the world.

Mr Wilson added "I have spent all of last year in the UK establishing the Centre, where now we hope to increase our full time staffing in order to supply NDT Level III trainers, invigilators and examiners to these locations overseas on continuing our services previously undertaken worldwide."



Approvals & Accreditations



Since opening the Aberdeen NDE Centre on 8 June 2009 all staff at the Centre worked hard as a team to achieve goals and objectives set on gaining ISO 9001:2008 certification, BINDT certification and becoming an approved PCN Examination Centre.

Aberdeen NDE Centre are pleased to announce that they have met with all objectives.

After the BINDT audit in December 2009, the Centre now has formal Training Centre accreditation by BINDT which was approved in the early part of Febru-

ary 2010. This will now cover all our main courses for PCN and SNT met criteria regarding training and certification.

With effect from March 2010 onwards, the Centre will become a PCN Examination Centre in association with the Northern Test Centre (Argyll-Ruane Ltd). Raymond said "I am delighted that we have the continuing support and association with Northern Test Centre (Argyll-Ruane Ltd) as I have had over the past 14 years. Over the many years PCN certification has been an ever increasing demand set here in

Aberdeen and spreading across the world, not only by individuals themselves but also with inspection companies, who specify that their NDT personnel meet this requirement as a minimum."

Joining Raymond on the management team as Administration Co-ordinator, Tracey Wink who has over 12 years experience in the NDT related industry.

Please contact the Centre for all your training and certification enquiries relating to both PCN (EN473) and SNT.