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Wood Group Kenny to lead US\$1m technology initiatives

Wood Group Kenny announces the launch of two new joint industry technology initiatives, SURF IM and SLARP, valued at US\$1m, which are considered critical for the future operation of subsea systems, particularly for deepwater and long-tieback locations. Wood Group Kenny has been proactive in proposing these initiatives to the industry during the past year, and 12 international operators have opted to participate in, and fund, these projects which will be performed by Wood Group Kenny over the next 12 to 18 months.

The SURF IM joint industry project encompasses the integrity management (IM) of subsea, umbilical, riser and flowline equipment (SURF) systems, with a focus on subsea equipment and an objective to establish the first best-practice that amalgamates the integrity management strategy for all SURF components through a consistently applied methodology. Led by Wood Group Integrity Management (WGIM) and supported by MCS Kenny, two Wood Group Kenny businesses, the project will identify current technology developments and needs for subsea inspection and condition monitoring.

Led by two Wood Group Kenny businesses, MCS Kenny and MSi Kenny, SLARP (slug loading and response in pipelines) focuses on developing design and analysis techniques to avoid pipeline vibrations caused by fluctuating internal fluids transported by the pipeline. Such vibrations can result in shutdowns or expensive intervention to repair or replace sections of the pipeline.

Kieran Kavanagh, Group director for Technology, Wood Group Kenny said, "We are delighted to be leading two technology initiatives that are very important for the subsea industry right now. The industry participation is substantial, with

major operators and subsea contractors involved. These are very much international projects that will impact the subsea industry on a worldwide basis.”

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Notes to editors:

Wood Group is an international energy services company with \$5.1bn sales, employing more than 29,000 people worldwide and operating in 50 countries. The Group has three businesses—Engineering & Production Facilities, Well Support, and Gas Turbine Services—providing a range of engineering, production support, maintenance management and industrial gas turbine overhaul and repair services to the oil & gas, and power generation industries worldwide.

Wood Group Kenny is the world's largest specialist subsea, pipeline and riser engineering and management contractor employing more than 1,700 worldwide, part of international energy services company, Wood Group. Wood Group Kenny comprises five companies:

- **J P Kenny** - one of the world's leading independent subsea and pipeline organisations, operates from seven locations worldwide and provides its clients with solutions that range from the planning stage through to procurement, fabrication, construction management, commissioning and operations support services.
- **MCS Kenny** - a world leader in compliant riser design with an extensive track record across all riser types and water depths. This includes flexible risers, steel catenary risers, hybrid steel-flexible risers, and top tensioned risers for both floating production and floating drilling platforms. The company also provides advanced structural analysis and technology development capabilities for subsea and pipeline facilities.
- **MSi Kenny** - a leading flow assurance and process optimisation company
- **WGIM** - an independent engineering & management company, specialising in all-of-asset integrity assurance with extensive materials engineering resources, service life prediction and inspection management expertise in the oil & gas petrochemicals, power, mining & mineral processing.
- **SgurrEnergy** - a leading renewable energy consultancy

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