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# Subsea 7's Grégory Toguyeni recognised in ASME awards at OTC

Subsea 7's Senior Welding and Materials Engineer Grégory Toguyeni received a commendation for his paper on 'Mechanically Lined Pipe: Installation by reel-lay' in the prestigious Best Mechanical Engineering Paper Award at this year's Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) in Houston, USA.

The award is by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). Grégory's paper, with Joachim Base of BUTTING, was selected from around 50 mechanically orientated papers by members of the ASME-OTC programming committee at their reception on 30 April.

Subsea 7 is presenting a total of seven papers at this year's OTC, taking place from 30 April to 3 May. Grégory will be presenting his paper, 'Mechanically Lined Pipe: Installation by reel-lay' (Paper Ref: OTC 23096) on 3 May.

Subsea 7, a global leader in seabed-to-surface engineering, construction and services to the offshore energy industry, has successfully used mechanically lined bimetal pipe in towed pipeline bundle projects for many years and has demonstrated it to be a viable cost-effective alternative to more expensive options such as solid corrosion resistant alloys or metallurgically clad pipe. The work presented in the paper was undertaken to demonstrate to the industry the feasibility and significant advantages of installing mechanically lined pipe (Bubi<sup>®</sup> pipe) by reel-lay.

A member of Subsea 7's Technology and Asset Development Team, based in Aberdeen, Grégory and the team have been working with pipe manufacturer BUTTING on the new technology, which has been adopted for the first major presalt project, Guará-Lula NE in Brazil, in water depths of just over 2,000m for use in flowlines and dynamic risers. The groundbreaking technology the team has been working on has been tested further for future applications and demonstrated even high fatigue performance than required for Guará-Lula.

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Grégory said: "I am very honoured to be a finalist for this industry award". He went on: "We have been making some real advances in pipeline technology at Subsea 7 and I am very proud to be part of a team working on innovative, applied technology."

Grégory, who recently became a Chartered Engineer of The Engineering Council UK (CEng), was also a member of the Subsea 7 team that won the Pipeline Industries Guild's 2012 Subsea Pipeline Technology Award, also for the development of the mechanically lined pipe by reel-lay.

Commenting on Grégory's paper, Subsea 7's Technology Development Director John Mair said: "Grégory and the team are doing some pioneering work. This is leading-edge work improving performance in seabed-to-surface pipeline technology."

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#### Notes to editors:

- 1. Grégory Toguyeni joined Subsea 7 in 2007 and is a Senior Welding and Materials Engineer for Subsea 7, based in Aberdeen. He is from Aix-en-Provence, in France. His qualifications, include:
  - Chartered Engineer from the Engineering Council UK (CEng)
  - International Welding Engineer (IWE)
  - MSc in Materials sciences
  - Member of The Welding Institute (MWeldI)
- 2. Subsea 7 will have a major presence at this year's event. As well as presenting conference papers, it will be exhibiting at stand 1641. On display

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- will be examples of the Company's deepwater and ultra-deepwater technical expertise and its investment in its fleet.
- 3. Subsea 7 S.A. is a seabed-to-surface engineering, construction and services contractor to the offshore energy industry worldwide. We provide integrated services, and we plan, design and deliver complex projects in harsh and challenging environments.
- 4. For further information visit www.subsea7.com

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