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Subsea 7 – Geotechnical Engineering in the spotlight at OTC

OTC Asia, Kuala Lumpur Convention Center, Hall 2, #B202 - A total of five papers with geotechnical themes are to be presented by Subsea 7 technical staff at the two OTC conferences running this year in Kuala Lumpur and Houston.

They have been authored, or co-authored, by the company's 'Communities of Excellence' (COE) members in Singapore, Houston, USA, Stavanger, Norway and Paris, France.

The aim of Subsea 7's COE programme is to establish networks of technical experts who support business development. This support is managed in several ways across the business, including the provision of expert technical advice to projects, or tenders; assisting and arbitrating in the choice of technical solutions to complex engineering problems; or developing engineering standards for in-house use.

Geotechnical engineering is concerned with the application of the science of soil mechanics and rock mechanics, engineering geology and other related disciplines to civil engineering construction and the extractive industries.

Explaining the emphasis on geotechnical engineering at the two OTC events, Paul Brunning, Subsea 7's Geotechnical Discipline Manager, said: "Geotechnical engineering is an empirical science at heart and many of the design methods we use today as best practice have their roots deeply planted in field observations and experimental work. Of all the engineering disciplines, geotechnical engineers are especially reliant on the results of studies that we either initiate ourselves or from work published by our peers."

A background image showing the surface of the ocean with blue waves and a clear view of the underwater world below.

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Three of the five papers are collaborative efforts. One is with the University of Western Australia in Perth, which is internationally recognised for excellence in offshore foundation and engineering systems, while two others involve prominent consultants from within the industry sector.

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