

# Media Release



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## **BEL Valves signals intent to expand into Australian Oil & Gas market with the appointment of new Area Sales Manager**

**Bespoke valve manufacturer BEL Valves has signalled its intent to expand into the Australian Oil and Gas sector with the appointment of a new Area Sales Manager.**

Gordon Affleck takes up the post of Area Sales Manager - Australia this month (December 2008), with a remit to grow the number of high integrity valve installations in this region.

BEL Valves anticipates a sustained period of activity in Australia with regard to Subsea developments, an area in which BEL Valves is now a market leader, and this appointment is designed to provide a level of sales coverage in keeping with other established and emerging global markets.

The organisation has already enjoyed success winning business from Australian based Oil and Gas Exploration & Production companies and expects this success to continue.

Part of British Engines, BEL Valves manufactures high integrity valves for the Subsea and Surface Oil and Gas industry worldwide, with a specific focus on High Pressure and High Temperature applications.

Gordon, formerly the company's Area Sales Manager for Scotland and Ireland, has spent the last 11 years with BEL Valves in Aberdeen, expanding the company's UK North Sea business, and has more than 30 years in the Valve industry.

Based in Perth, he will travel to other Australian states as determined by the market and also support the established sales activities of BEL Valves in the Asia Pacific region.

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## **Editors' notes**

### **About BEL Valves**

BEL Valves manufactures Valves, Actuators and Controls for the Oil and Gas industry, with a focus on high pressure and high integrity applications. Bespoke products and services meet exacting practices, stringent fugitive emissions criteria and all main industry codes and standards - in bore sizes from ½" to 42", pressures up to 16,500psi, water depths to 3000 metres and in a range of materials for sweet or sour service - suitable for High Pressures and High Temperatures.

Valve configurations include on-off, Surface and Subsea, Through Conduit Slab and Expanding Gate, High-Integrity Ball, Globe and Check Valves and an Eccentric Ball Valve (E-Ball). The Subsea range includes Small Bore Gate, Check, Needle and Rotary Disc Valves.

BEL Valves has its own range of Pneumatic and Hydraulic Actuators, and offers a complete Safety Instrumented Solution to HIPPS (High Integrity Pressure Protection System).

BEL Valves' integrated production facility offers a full range of services (Design, Manufacturing, Testing, and After-market). A high reliability supplier, the company offers more than 50 years experience in valve engineering and manufacturing, Open Contracting Policies and Superior Management Tools; and has delivered product-engineering solutions (with full third party approvals) for major projects worldwide with operators like Shell, BP, Total, AGIP, Chevron and Exxon Mobil.

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