

# Media Release



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## **BEL Valves appoints new Sales & Marketing Director**

BEL Valves has appointed Michael Ridley as its new Sales & Marketing Director. Michael's remit it is to develop new global markets for BEL Valves, with an initial focus on BEL Valves' activities in the Eastern Hemisphere and the Americas.

Michael has worked for BEL Valves previously. In 2000, Michael left BEL Valves to start his own business – RB Valvetech Ltd – a valve trading company also based in the North-East of England. However, he was attracted back to the dynamic manufacturing environment, in particular with a subsea products and product development focus.

Michael first joined BEL Valves as an apprentice in 1984, and as a sign of things to come, he won the BEL Valves Apprentice of the Year Award in 1988. His career then took him through the BEL Valves Engineering Department, seeing him move from Apprentice Engineer to Design Engineer in 1988. In 1990 he moved into internal sales, taking up the post of Internal Sales Engineer.

Various sales posts followed, including an Internal Sales Manager role in 1992, before Michael was re-located to Aberdeen in 1993/94 for his first external sales post, increasing turnover in this key market from £700k to £7m. Finally, Michael was promoted to UK & Scandinavia Sales Manager before being promoted to Sales Director for BEL Valves.

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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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