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Swire Oilfield Services announces acquisition of specialist aviation service company

Swire Oilfield Services, a leading global provider of offshore containers and oilfield services, announced today the strategic acquisition of specialist aviation service company Gordon Engineering Services (GES).

The two companies will offer a combined end-to-end aviation service with the benefit of increased capabilities through the introduction of friction testing and custom-built helicopter refuelling systems, while bringing together over 150 years aviation experience. Phil Gordon, former owner and founder of GES will remain with the business as a manager supporting the aviation and fabrication division.

Phil Gordon commented on the announcement, "The last 23 years have been an incredible journey and I am extremely proud of the business the team and I have nurtured and developed. The acquisition by Swire Oilfield Services will help us enhance our capabilities, service offering and global reach and allow us to continue offering the high quality and cost-effective service to all our customers."

GES was established in 1995 by Phil Gordon and specialises in aviation services including design, manufacturing, inspection, maintenance, training and rental of helifuel systems for the global oil & gas industry.

The acquisition of GES comes as Swire Oilfield Services looks to expand aviation services across its North Sea and Global operations.

"This strategic acquisition forms an integral part of our ongoing commitment to the development and diversification of our service offering. As the industry continues to demonstrate signs of recovery we are looking at opportunities across the board to develop our service offering and strengthen our position as an integrated and reliable partner for our customers. This acquisition represents an exciting and positive step forward for the growth of Swire Oilfield Services and reinforces the continued and long-term commitment of our owners, John Swire & Sons, to our business." said CEO of Swire Oilfield Services, Manfred Vonlanthen.

Swire Oilfield Services, part of the global conglomerate John Swire & Sons, is the world's largest supplier of specialised offshore containers to the global energy industry. Swire Oilfield Services also provide engineering services, testing and inspection, maintenance and chemical management.

Operating from 61 bases, across 29 countries Swire Oilfield Services employs over 500 personnel from all the major oil and gas regions in Europe, Africa, Middle East, North & South America and Asia-Pacific.