

## OPS GROUP LTD DIRECTOR RETIRES

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**In January 2008, Ray Johns PhD will step down as co-Director of OPS Group Ltd.**

Ray's Oil Industry career spans over 40 years and started as a Shell-sponsored PhD student. He then held the position of Petroleum & Reservoir Engineer for Shell between 1974 and 1979 before joining Expro (North Sea) Ltd in 1980. Starting at Expro as a Technical Manager, Ray had progressed to General Manager of Northern Operations by the time of his departure in 1990.

OPS Group Ltd was founded in 1988 by John Trehwella OBE and Steve Pryor and was joined by Ray in 1990. As Operations Director, Ray has played a pivotal role in acquiring, retaining and running several long-term international FPSO and Production contracts for OPS Group Ltd. In addition he has been a crucial part of the recruitment activities and encouraged heavy investment (both time and money) in technological resources to enhance these activities. Equally important, Ray was also responsible for all legal and business administration functions within the company.

Reflecting on his time with OPS Group Ltd, Ray says: "[My retirement from OPS Group] is mixed with a lot of sadness because I have enjoyed the last 17 years tremendously – particularly the people I have been lucky enough to work with on a day by day basis. The years have gone by very quickly and I will retain a lot of fond memories of work days and play days."

The team at OPS Group Ltd plan to give Ray his send-off at a private weekend function in February, where he will be presented with travel vouchers for the holiday of a lifetime. "We wish Ray all the best in his retirement" says Steve Pryor, now sole Director of OPS Group Ltd, "He has held many key roles within OPS Group Ltd and he will be sorely missed."

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