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Technica kicks off the new year with stylish £750,000 town base

DESIGN, engineering and construction consultancy Technica Ltd has started 2013 with the completion of a major project on the home front – the final fit out and relocation to a new Grimsby headquarters.

Ten years after the company began life as an energy-focused design firm, the global operator has unveiled a stylish £750,000 base at the entrance to the town.

It is the realisation of a new chapter in the company's progression, following the building of a strong reputation within the global gas industry, it now looks to develop new business ventures locally, nationally and overseas.

The Cherry Tree Business Park base features workshop and store facilities spanning 10,000 sq ft, almost four times the size of their previous premises, a large open plan design office, a dedicated client project office and meeting room bolstered by modern welfare facilities.

The move to the South Humberside Industrial Estate address has seen the merging of the Cleethorpe Road design office and Prince Albert Gardens workshop, the 40-strong team now under one roof.

The facility has been completely overhauled, from painting of the external cladding to installation of new internal offices and stores, all major building works completed within the existing footprint and shell.

Managing director John Davison said: "This facility provides us with a real identity and will hopefully help raise our profile locally, also portraying a professional design office image, as well as providing the construction workshop facilities we were previously renting."

Fellow director Bryan Creed said: "The new location offers space to enable the business to grow further, we have recently added ten additional staff members; three design trainees, four apprentices and three additional technicians."

"Recent local developments have also seen Cristal added to our client portfolio, and we will be developing other local interest through 2013."

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Following success on four previous GasPort facilities for US client Excelerate Energy, the Technica team is currently working on multi-discipline designs for a natural gas importation facility in Puerto Rico, a project featured in Business Telegraph in February last year.

While that awaits environmental consents, they have been awarded a further high profile project in Lavaca Bay, Texas, working on the US's first floating liquefied natural gas exportation facility.

This project will use the gas exported from the emerging US shale gas market. Technica is behind the design of the onshore reception facility which is a \$400-million slice of a \$2.7-billion scheme from Excelerate.

With a £1.5-million design and build project for Southern Gas Networks also recently completed, Technica has just qualified for the Northern Gas Networks' multi-discipline design and construction frameworks. These are in addition to places on the National Grid Gas and Scotia Gas Networks design and construction frameworks. From over 100 firms, Technica was one of eight to be selected. "We are now competing with larger contracting firms, and capable of doing so on a level playing field," said Mr Creed.

Other developments within the gas industry have also seen the Biomethane to Grid (Btg) kiosk package solution for National Grid Gas, chosen as the first design to be accepted for implementation on the Btg Framework, where they are one of only four suppliers.

Popular with farmers and waste treatment operators, the Btg kiosk has been designed to provide a single facility capable of analysing the methane produced from waste digestion, regulating the gas pressure, fiscal metering of the gas flow and local odourisation to ensure the gas meets stringent Gas Network Entry requirements.



NEW CHAPTER: Seated from left are SHEQ manager Mike Clarke, project engineer Glen Spauls and designer Tom Gardam. Standing from left, project engineer Andy Hawkins, director Bryan Creed, director John Davison and project engineer Reuben Simons.