

Press release issued on behalf of AJT Engineering, Thursday 7 December 2017.

Pictured (left to right): AJT's Steven Tepper, Chris McGivern, Grant Bryceland, Rhona Toomey, Pat Killeen and Joe Thomson celebrate their IOSH certificates.

Regards, Juliet Betterton

New training drive puts safety at the heart of AJT Engineering's culture

One of Scotland's leading engineering groups has announced a company-wide commitment to enhanced safety standards.

AJT Engineering has upgraded its 5S culture* to 6S – adding in safety as a key element. The initiative is being carried out across the firm's four divisions in Aberdeen, Port Glasgow and East Kilbride.

Over 40 members of AJT's 111-strong workforce are participating in the Institution of Occupational Safety & Health (IOSH) "Working Safely" course.

Ronnie Brown, health, safety and quality (HSQ) manager, said: "Following the successful implementation of 5S at our Altens facility in Aberdeen, we've taken the decision to roll out 6S across all four facilities – adding safety to the other 5 elements".

"As part of the safety roll-out we analyse our performance in key safety areas that are critical to our operations, with initial focus on safe use of work equipment, housekeeping standards, high-risk elements that are specific to each of the facilities, and safety culture." The culture element considers the way people behave, and to what extent they participate in the day to day running of the safety management system, their attitudes towards safety controls, PPE, observation reporting and also their taking ownership of safety issues. Mr Brown added: "The IOSH Managing Safely course aligns perfectly with our 6S initiative and has provided our employees with the knowledge and tools they require to work, think and act safely."

The course aims to improve the safety culture within the organisation and provides employees with an understanding of how their actions in the work place contribute to safety, health and well-being, as well as their individual safety responsibilities in keeping themselves and others safe at work.

The certificate issued is an international safety certificate based on best practice and provides an awareness of general workplace hazards and focusses on why health and safety is important to the well-being of the worker and those around them.

AJT Engineering specialises in delivering extensive manufacturing, testing, heat treatment and machine tool services to the subsea, oil and gas industries.

Established over 60 years ago, the company has developed into one of Scotland's premier engineering companies with four distinct divisions comprising AJT Engineering (Aberdeen), AJT Site Services (Aberdeen), British Heat Treatments (East Kilbride) and British Metal Treatments (Port Glasgow).

AJT Engineering is a subsidiary of the international group Camellia Plc.

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Note

*5S is a system for organising spaces so work can be performed efficiently, effectively, and safely. This system focuses on putting everything where it belongs and keeping the workplace clean, which makes it easier for people to do their jobs without wasting time or risking injury. The term 5S comes from five Japanese words, seiri, seiton, seiso, seiketsu and shitsuke. In English these words can be translated to: sort, set in order, shine, standardise and sustain. Many companies now add Safety as the sixth element, hence 6S.