



Quality, Reliability, Innovation....at the heart of everything we do

Celebrating 50 years of environmental protection with our team

In October, 50 years on from the Torrey Canyon oil spill, we celebrated our 50th Anniversary.

40 of our worldwide agents attended a 3 day event comprising product and training workshops, a fun-filled evening of bowling followed by a party for all employees too.

The workshop was a really good opportunity to show some products that will soon be available as well as some recent releases. It was an ideal opportunity to get some market feedback ensuring that we continue to develop the right products to our customers.

After the workshops, our employees and agents joined together for a party. Good food, good wine, great company and lots of fun was had by all on the dancefloor, in the photo booth and in the fun casino.

MD Karen Lucas said, " 50 years is a milestone to be proud of and it was perfect to share it with our team of worldwide partners and our employees. We must now look forward to the next 50 years and remaining as leaders in our industry."





Vikoseal in situ between ship and quayside

Vikoseal take-up

Word is spreading and confidence building in Vikoseal as a quick, cost effective alternative to traditional methods of oil spill containment during ship refuelling operations.

Vikoseal is now in operation in a number of key ports and harbours around the world and is a unique solution for oil spill containment.

More information can be found at www.vikoma.com/Oil_Spill_Solutions/Booms/VikoSeal.html

Vikoma wins three Chamber of Commerce Awards for Business Excellence

Business of the Year
Apprenticeship Business of the Year
International Business of the Year

We were delighted to receive three awards recognising our commitment to training and developing our apprentices for a long-term career at Vikoma and the success of our business internationally. Being awarded Business of the Year in our 50th year was really special and recognises the progress we have made as well as the importance of Vikoma to the Isle of Wight economy.



Hi Sprint training and commissioning in Canada

Vikoma, in partnership with our Canadian Distribution Partner, Can-Ross Environmental, recently undertook training and commissioning on Hi-Sprint systems with Western Canada Marine Response Corporation.

The training consisted of multiple disciplines including classroom based service, maintenance and repair training and practical deployment, recovery and operation training for around fifteen Canadian responders.

Three 300 metre systems were stored on the WCMRC barge in the Burrard Inlet and will provide spill containment capabilities in both open and off-shore water.

We also attended the Mern seminar which was a collective gathering of the main oil spill responders within Canada. The seminar was held at the ALERT facilities in St John, New Brunswick where equipment design and application was discussed in light of future industry activities in Canada.



Year of the Boom!

How much boom?

We have renamed 2017 as the year of the oil boom. It's been our busiest year for boom manufacture since the Macondo Oil Spill in 2010 with a lot of polyurethane and neoprene booms being manufactured.

Hi Sprint, our unique single point inflation boom, has been popular as ever in 1500mm and 2000mm heights. Foam filled booms have been popular too.

Our boom shop team have also been kept busy making storage tanks and working nights to keep up with demand. The cutting machine we invested in a year ago has certainly paid off.



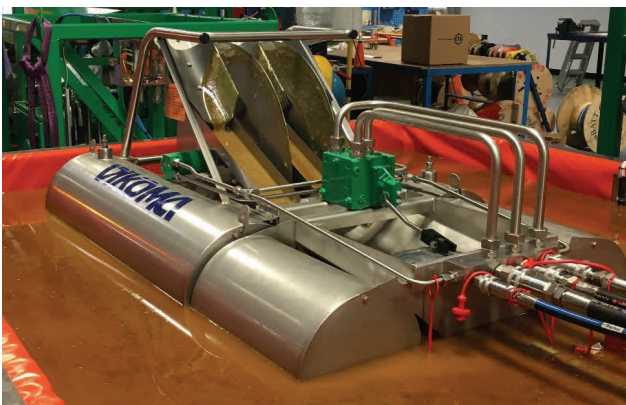
Skimmer Testing

Testing to ASTM F2709 for name plate recovery rate of stationary oil skimmers, is fast becoming a well-recognised standard in the world of oil recovery with the aim being to standardise the recovery rate for all makes & types of skimmer, making it easier for the end user to specify equipment.

Vikoma recently constructed a new test tank so that we could test one of our skimmers to ASTM F2709 which we have had witnessed and signed off by a notified body.

This testing resulted in a name plate recovery that far exceeds Vikoma's claimed recovery rate.

Users can rely on our products. They really do what we say they do!



Accreditation to new ISO 9001:2015 standard

Quality and reliability have always been at the heart of everything we do at Vikoma. We led the way in 1994 obtaining our first ISO 9000 quality registration and are now proud to be accredited for the new standard ahead of the transition deadline later this year. All processes in our business are accredited including Sales, design, development, manufacture, installation and commissioning for equipment for oil, environmental and flood pollution control and protection equipment, including power packs and training services. This sets us apart from many other companies.

Gary Barnes led the transition through this new accreditation and said "ISO 9001:2015 is designed to be compatible with other management systems such as ISO 14001. The new version of the standard also puts greater emphasis on leadership engagement, it will help Vikoma to address our organisational risks and opportunities in a structured manner, manage the supply chain more effectively, ensure that we continue to work efficiently and remain totally focused on improved customer satisfaction".



Supporting our community.....

Prince Edward learns about Vikoma!

Megan Macgregor, had the privilege of meeting Prince Edward at a careers fair at the Royal Yacht Squadron Cowes. He showed great interest in Vikoma's entry to the flood market as well as its longevity in the oil spill industry. Vikoma is committed to supporting our next generation at careers fairs.



Apprenticeships

We work with colleges and schools to offer opportunities to local young people and are committed to a training programme aimed at providing long term career for our apprentices.



Will Bowring, 23, recently started on a 3 year apprenticeship to obtain a Diploma in Manufacturing Operations. Attending the Isle of Wight College one day a week, Will is thoroughly enjoying his time with Vikoma. He said " I will be trained to manufacture booms, create CAD drawings and operate our cutting machine. "

25 Year Service Hat-trick

Three employees recently reached their 25 year service awards.

Paul Rayner, Sales Director, joined as an apprentice and has worked in a many departments across Vikoma working his way up to Sales Director.

Nigel Jolliffe, is an experienced welder. He joined as a welder/fabricator and is now training our apprentice Ben.

Keith Gregory, joined our boom shop and is now a team leader training our apprentice, Will Bowring.



Students from Japan

Vikoma recently hosted 2 students from Japan who were keen to improve their English and learn more about a UK business and how it operates.

One of the students said " I really enjoyed my time with Vikoma and learnt so much about the difference in culture and businesses. During my spare time I got to see some of the wonderful sights and was reluctant to leave. Thank you

Welcome back Kevin Hughes

We are pleased to welcome Kevin Hughes back to our engineering team.

Kevin, previously our drawing office manager specialises in material engineering and comes back to Vikoma after 20 years. We have plenty of development activities in hand which Kevin will contribute to.



Message from the Managing Director, Karen Lucas:

Celebrating 50 years in business is something to be proud of. Our business has a strong reputation and we look forward to leading the way into the next 50 years. I thank everyone who has played a part in our success.



Thank you to all those who have contributed to this issue of the Vikoma newsletter. Please feel free to let Megan Macgregor know of upcoming events or recent achievements that would be worthwhile releasing in future issues.