

## **TWMA crowned with Sir Ian Wood Award for Innovation**

Aberdeen-based global drilling waste management firm, TWMA, has won the prestigious Sir Ian Wood Award for Innovation at the Grampian Business Awards 2007.

TWMA, which employs 160 staff, was recognised for its innovations in the disposal of drilling waste materials. The company is the only one in the world to process these cuttings offshore using thermal technology, which separates them into their constituent parts of water, oil and solids – the water and oil may be recycled and the solids discharged as a clean powder. The company utilises market leading technologies, which are field proven and are the most cost effective and environmentally sound way to handle, treat and dispose of drill cuttings.

Ronnie Garrick, TWMA's managing director, said: "We are delighted to have received this award which recognises the hard work and dedication of the TWMA team. It is an exciting time in the company's development and the future holds many opportunities for our technology and services in both domestic and international markets.

"Drilling related waste, from both onshore and offshore operations, represents an increasing problem for the oil and gas industry. These wastes vary widely and include non-hazardous recyclable materials, low volume toxic materials and drill cuttings. There is global responsibility on companies to dispose of their drilling waste materials in a safe and environmentally sound way, TWMA provides a reliable and cost-effective way of doing this."

The awards, organised by Enterprise North East Trust (Enet), were presented in a ceremony attended by over 360 businessmen and women from the North-east of Scotland.

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**Notes to Editors:**

TWMA's vision is to maintain its position as world leader in the handling and treatment of waste generated by drilling operations. The company understands that drilling related waste, from both onshore and offshore, represents an increasing problem for the oil and gas industry - these wastes vary widely, and include non-hazardous recyclable materials, low volume toxic materials and drill cuttings. TWMA aims to address these problems by applying its experience and expertise to develop new technologies and services in this field to retain its leading innovative position in its specialist field.

Since the acceptance of the TCC-RotoMill technology and its use in offshore applications (by many of the operators in the North Sea), more than 15,000 tonnes of cuttings have been processed offshore with the recovered oil being recycled and the treated powder disposed of overboard in accordance with regulations.

In February 2007 TWMA secured significant growth capital from Lime Rock Partners, a private equity firm focused on the global energy industry, to support its global expansion.