

Aquamarine Power gain accreditation

Edinburgh wave energy company Aquamarine Power's scheme for the professional development of its engineers has been awarded accreditation from the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE). The IMechE is licensed by the Engineering Council to accredit professional development schemes as a monitored way of recording initial professional development, leading towards Chartered Engineers (CEng) or Incorporated Engineers (IEng) registration.

The accreditation is for a three year period. This is the maximum which can be awarded by the IMechE, demonstrating the IMechE's confidence in Aquamarine Power's professional development scheme.

The IMechE's Professional Development Standards Committee noted that Aquamarine Power's scheme was "well documented, supported at senior level and highly structured."

The panel also noted that the mentors they interviewed were "enthusiastic and committed to delivering on the objectives of the Scheme", and that developing engineers were of a "high calibre".

✘ David Kaye, Engineering Manager at Aquamarine Power, said:-
"At Aquamarine Power we are committed to the continual professional development of our team, to encouraging high career aspirations and to inspiring individuals to achieve their goals.

"This accreditation by the IMechE is testament to our long-term commitment to attract, develop and maintain our engineering capability. The observations from the IMechE panel reflect the high level of competence and enthusiasm within the team."

The IMechE accredits against output standards as defined by UK-SPEC (UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence).

Aquamarine Power is a wave energy company, with its head office in Edinburgh, Scotland and further operations in Orkney and Northern Ireland. The company is currently developing its flagship technology, an innovative hydro-electric wave energy converter, known as Oyster. Aquamarine Power's goal is to develop commercial Oyster wave farms around the world.