

# MP praises apprenticeship scheme

Edinburgh's Liberal Democrat MP, Mike Crockart, yesterday visited Premier Hytemp headquartered in his constituency. The company is an international supply chain firm providing services for the ship building industry and the oil and gas sector amongst others. The company has a global presence with offices in Singapore and Canada, as well as involvement in major projects in Angola, Brazil and the Gulf of Mexico.

Commenting after the visit, Mike Crockart said:-“Premier Hytemp is a company with a global presence but its roots are firmly Scottish. It is excellent to see such a good example of Scottish manufacturing.

“At home in Newbridge the company is committed to the future of Scottish engineering and manufacturing. The company is helping to train a new generation of apprentices who will boost Scotland's world class manufacturing industry .

“I was fortunate enough to spend some time with Mark, an apprentice there, taken on through my 100 training places in 100 days campaign. His experience goes to show the kind of opportunities being made available through the combined efforts of companies like Premier Hytemp and the Government's £1 billion Youth Contract. It's good to see business and Government working together to ensure a bright future for our young people and for Scottish manufacturing.”

Accompanying Mr Crockart was Secretary of State for Scotland, Michael Moore. The Secretary of State added:-“I was very pleased to visit Premier Hytemp in Edinburgh today and see the essential contribution they are making to a variety of key engineering sectors not just in Scotland but across the world.

“During my recent visit to Brazil I promoted the excellence

Scotland's Oil and Gas sector has to offer throughout the supply chain. Scottish companies are at the cutting edge of world technology when it comes to the oil and gas sector. The UK Government is firmly committed to promoting our industries at home and using our global influence to help companies such as Premier Hytemp exploit these exciting new opportunities. The recently launched Oil and Gas strategy underlines the Government's commitment."