

# Next Geosolutions Boosts Middle East Presence



Next Geosolutions is set to increase its international credentials in the Persian Gulf region, with a seven figure investment. The independent geoscience and engineering service provider has launched a multi purpose-built operational facility in the Hamriyah Free Zone of Sharjah (UAE), and a supporting business development and marketing office in Dubai. Ennio Lucidi has been appointed as Next Geosolutions' Middle East general manager. With more than 35 years' experience in the marine and offshore oil and gas sectors, Mr Lucidi has held a number of senior positions, leading and negotiating on multimillion dollar contracts.

With operations due to commence in December 2016, the new 400m<sup>2</sup> facility will boost the continued international growth of the company, leading to the recruitment of five key team members to expand its activities in the region.

Giovanni Ranieri, Next Geosolutions' chief executive officer, said that in order to meet the growing needs of the company's global clients, it has become essential to expand the international operations. The Middle East is a key focus for Next Geosolutions' services and by investing in the new bases, they open up significant opportunities within different areas of intervention. These include: surveys; ROV and diving; inspection repair and maintenance and non-destructive testing; geophysical, geotechnical and marine services.

As well as enabling the company to conduct further complex air diving inspection, repair and maintenance projects throughout the Persian Gulf, the new premises will provide Next Geosolutions' growing Middle East client base with a consistent on-the-ground service.