



MCLARENS EXPANDS NATURAL RESOURCES OFFERING WITH SENIOR HIRES IN LONDON

McLarens, the global loss adjuster specialising in complex, commercial and niche markets, has strengthened its **London Natural Resources** team with the appointment of two senior adjusters. **Miles Wakefield** has joined as **Head of Renewables** and **Mark Macdonald** as **Head of Upstream**. Both will report into **Joe Lampshire, London Natural Resources Manager**, and be responsible for developing McLarens' capability in their respective fields.

Miles Wakefield joins from Charles Taylor and is an expert in the investigation of claims arising from offshore and onshore renewable energy generation losses. With more than 20 years' experience in offshore construction, Miles has worked with various offshore wind farm project owners and developers, managing the construction and operational phases of their assets in the UK and Germany. He has also project managed the construction and installation of most major offshore wind farm components, including foundations, wind turbine generators (WTGs), offshore substations and subsea power cables.

His varied roles in the offshore wind construction have given him considerable experience in managing contracts and contractors, in addition to dealing with major component repairs including losses relating to WTG gearboxes, blades, main bearings and transformers, as well as array and export cables.

Mark Macdonald joins from AqualisBraemar with an extensive background in oil and gas drilling operations as a Measurement / Logging While Drilling (M/LWD) engineer. During his time in the industry, he worked on a variety of rigs during drilling operations throughout the Dutch and UK sectors of the North Sea, as well as onshore Italy, the Netherlands and the UK. He has experience of drilling conventional oil and gas wells, high pressure high temperature wells and geothermal wells.

He began his loss adjusting career in 2009 and has primarily focussed on the handling of onshore and offshore well control claims across the globe. He has also developed expertise in policy wordings associated with control of well and other upstream energy risks including physical damage, offshore construction and loss of production income / business interruption. In 2012 Mark spent a number of years in Singapore, dealing with complex well control claims in the Asia-Pacific region, including underground blowouts and incidents involving deep-water and managed pressure drilling.

The announcement is the latest in a string of UK hires for McLarens and follows the recent appointment of Mark Simmons, Blue Newton and Sean Gregory, three specialist adjusters within its Construction & Engineering team, who will operate alongside the Natural Resources practice to provide joint solutions to the energy and renewables sector. The London Natural Resources team handles an international book of business emanating from the Lloyds and London markets and forms part of a global operation dealing with losses across the energy spectrum, with specialised expertise in exploration and production, midstream, downstream, renewables, power generation and utilities.

David Pigot, Director of London Markets & Global Head of Specialty, commented: “By bringing in highly specialist, technical adjusters who understand the intricacies and nuances of their respective sectors, we are continuing to expand our natural resources capability across the globe and establishing McLaren's as a global leader within this field. We're delighted to have Miles and Mark on board, and I look forward to working with them both.”

NOTES TO EDITORS

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