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Full steam ahead for RIMS in certification as Remote Inspection Specialist using drones

RIMS BV have received a further two certifications from DNV GL and the Indian Class Register, for the use of Remote Inspection Techniques (drones) during surveys of enclosed spaces.

New regulations issued by IACS, ensure a certain quality standard to service suppliers who want to use drone technology during close surveys, and RIMS is the first company who meets these requirements, offering the market a full-service package of drone inspections.

David Knukkel, CEO of RIMS BV said; “We are pleased that clear regulations have been defined towards the quality of inspections. It acknowledges the scenario of many hobby pilots applying for certification, who may have failed, due to lack of knowledge of the assets and experience to reach the required output. This diluted the market for professionals and did not install much confidence with end-users and Classification Societies to adopt the technology on a more widespread scale.”

“Given our extensive maritime experience, we are investigating how we can set standards towards inspection quality in the oil and gas industry also, as this is a sector, we are currently active in, and who are yet to fully embrace the use of drones for inspection purposes ” added Knukkel.

Now with certification from nine Classification Societies, RIMS have been able to demonstrate that drone technology with skilled pilots, reduce the safety risks and offer a much more cost-efficient solution for inspections of assets.

Although being recognized by the classification societies globally, drone inspections can be a complex business. Local permits to fly drones can vary from country to country, with restrictions on outdoor flights in some areas, but is something that RIMS are able to address due to their experience and knowledge in the industry. Knukkel said: “For each location we have to investigate the local regulations. Regulations and costs involved can vary and it is so important to spend time to ensure safe and efficient operations. Thanks to our excellent network we have the knowhow on what is required and how and when to obtain the local permits”

Ship owners, managers and operators currently choose how a surveyor gains access to the areas. The options for access will be dependent on the type of survey, as in some cases thickness measurements are required.

“It is the task of the Classification Societies and Service Suppliers, like RIMS, to explain when thickness measurements are really required and at which locations. We have seen so many clients spending unnecessarily on a variety of methods, when only one would be enough in their circumstance.

“This current process of working leads to surveyors still working in unsafe conditions to carry out procedures, as well unnecessary costs to the ship owner. We think this situation is not sustainable, and eventually the Regulators will force the market to use the latest technology to ensure safe working practices for their employees” Knukkel concluded.

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Image caption: RIMS BV have now been certified by eight classification societies for the use of Remote Inspection Techniques (drones) during surveys of enclosed spaces.

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About RIMS

RIMS is a global certified service provider for drone inspections of Assets in the Maritime, Offshore and On-shore Oil and Gas industry.

RIMS are a global project and maintenance consultancy to help revolutionise maintenance strategies with smart drones and robotic. RIMS' high tech expertise in combination with smart asset management solutions mean customers benefit from much safer, more sustainable and cost-efficient surveying and maintenance solutions.



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As of February 2019, RIMS have been certified for the use of Remote Inspection Techniques (drones) during surveys of enclosed spaces, by the following classification societies; Bureau Veritas, Lloyd's Register, ABS, RINA, KRS, ClassNK, DNV GL and the Indian Class Register.

Further information can be found by visiting: www.rims-bv.com
