



COVID-19 Update (19th March 2021)

On our Southampton site we have signed up for the UK Government's workplace testing [scheme](#) that supplies free LFT kits to UK businesses.

LFTs are designed to find out if a person is infectious at the time of the test as it's known that around 1 in 3 infected people have no symptoms. All our bi-weekly results are submitted online to the UK Government to aid in their data analysis and surveillance program which is all helping to drive the UK out of Lockdown.

We are now into our third week of a Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) trial on our Southampton base. We continue to review and improve the procedures to ensure their efficiency and value with regards to opening up more activity in the future.

South Africa, Saldanha Base 10K Capping Stack Level 1 Maintenance Update:

The OSRL team in partnership with our approved contractors (Trendsetter Engineering, Teemane Cranes, Ari Engineering) have managed to safely plan and kick off the essential Level 1 Maintenance on the 10K capping stack system at our OSRL warehouse in Cape Town (Saldanha).

In this strange, new normal we find ourselves living in, the maintenance required extensive planning and preparation especially as it involved travel from all parts of the world. As of today, 19/03/2021, we are currently on day 10 of the planned total of 25 days of maintenance work.

The maintenance started with heavy lift operations re-installing the HC Wellhead Connector onto the Capping Stack assembly which was completed. Week 2 saw the start of the actual Level 1 equipment maintenance (functioning and pressure testing). There are a further with three more weeks to go.

Currently, the maintenance is going according to schedule with the onsite team taking on the new COVID-19 restrictions and procedures positively, supported by colleagues back in the UK and USA.

Fantastic teamwork for all involved in ensuring the safety of personnel and response readiness of our subsea equipment.

The picture below shows the current team left on-site – OSRL, Trendsetter Engineering + Ari Engineering.



(please note, the mobile crane team has already been demobilized from site)

Global Dispersant Stockpile (GDS) Intermediate Bulk Containers change (IBC) out in Brazil

In Brazil, OSRL holds 500 m3 of Corexit dispersant as part of the Global Dispersants Stockpile. This stockpile is located in a warehouse of our logistic partner, 15 min away from OSRL's Brazil base.

As part of the long-term maintenance program, every five years, a change-out of the 500+ IBCs (Intermediate Bulk Containers) in the Global Dispersant Stockpile is required and it is now time to perform such activity in Brazil.

OSRL Responders are heading the activity in coordination with the local third-party resources allocated to support. Internally, OSRL management will be following and supporting it closely.

The pandemic is still bringing challenges but the planning considered all possible mitigating actions to run the activity safely and efficiently. The activity began on 18th March when the first batch of 44 IBCs arrived on the site. And this continues every other day until they are all changed out with the activity planned to last until the end of April.

De-escalation of Perth Base from Yellow to Green



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This week we have approved the de-escalation of our Perth base from YELLOW to GREEN. This means a wider range of activities will be able to be undertaken whilst still adhering to all applicable national and local restrictions.

Country plan updates

This week we have updated our Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, The Guyanas, Mexico, French Guyana and Suriname country plans. If you would like to view all our country plans, please use [this link](#).

Latest news and events on our website

We are pleased to have completed our first face-to-face customised training in Singapore. Our Trainers, Yow Lih Hern and Norman Ramos share their perspectives on conducting physical training during a pandemic [in this article](#).

Also, this week we released a news article announcing OSRL Ghana Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sabre Education as part of its ongoing commitment to investing in communities in Ghana. The MOU includes the procurement of furniture for five classrooms in the Early Childhood Education Centre and the construction of two outside teaching areas. [Read more here.](#)

In our [latest insights article](#), Marcus Russell, Global Engagement Manager, discusses reputation protection in a crisis. Can organisations confidently and successfully protect their reputation in the event of a crisis? Or does commitment to moral corporate values and standards provide the best defence and opportunity of avoiding long-term reputational damage?

This week, the Cold Weather Response Core Group presented an Expert Seminar – Preparing for an Extreme Cold Weather Response. The recording of that presentation can be found [here](#). Upcoming expert seminars are [Incident and Crisis Management](#) and a seminar on [planning for offset installation of a capping stack](#). Please secure your spot by signing up on the website using the above links.

As always, we remain just a phone call away, ready to virtually support you and your operations. Should you have any questions, please email CMT@oilspillresponse.com or contact our Duty Managers.





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