

# Secretary of States Representative for Maritime Salvage and Intervention - (SOSREP)

## Hugh Shaw – SOSREP

### 2008 Update

The current SOSREP Hugh Shaw took up the role on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2008, replacing Robin Middleton who retired after more than eight years in the post.

Hugh has been Deputy to the SOSREP since 2004 and has been based in Aberdeen with the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR, formerly DTI). In the past his role has been to liaise with the offshore sector, exercising existing legislation, and raising the level of preparedness to deal with actual or potential incidents.

Commenting on his appointment, Hugh said:

“I am delighted and honoured to have been chosen for this key appointment and look forward to the exciting and challenging period that lies ahead. I am fully committed to working in co-operation with the maritime, offshore and salvage communities and all of the key Government Departments, Agencies and Organisations likely to be involved in removing or reducing the risk to persons, property and the UK environment arising from marine accidents”.

Hugh has worked in the maritime industry for over thirty years, beginning his career as a deck officer with Mobil Shipping Company and then moving up the ranks within HM Coastguard in roles such as watch keeping, sector manager and station officer. Hugh also served as district controller at Forth Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre prior to becoming the MCA Counter Pollution and Salvage Officer for Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Shipping Minister Jim Fitzpatrick said:

“I am very pleased that someone has been appointed who already has such a wealth of knowledge of the role of SOSREP and we look forward to the benefit of Hugh’s experience and advice”.

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