

# News

Containerised packages have been keeping the factory busy, busy, busy ...



**Quality, Reliability, Innovation....at the heart of everything we do**

## **Komara Maxi: more flexibility with interchangeable brush and disc modules**

In today's world, equipment must represent good value for operators and the Komara Maxi skimmer which can be used for a wide range of oils does just that. Not only does Komara Maxi come with interchangeable skimming modules which can be swapped over in just a few minutes, but we have also listened to customer feedback and incorporated a few other improvements. Quick release bolts provide quick and easy, tool free changing of skimming modules which can be placed in specially designed boxes to stop them rolling around on deck when not in the skimmer.

Komara Maxi duplex is a high volume skimmer and this addition extends the world leading Komara family of duplex skimmers.



*Above: Disc modules for thin to medium oils*



*Above: Brush modules for medium to heavy oils*

## Vikoma equipment proves its reliability in more oil spills this year

We would like to thank operators using our equipment, for some fantastic photos of Vikoma oil spill equipment in action this year. Feedback has been really positive with our equipment demonstrating its reliability in a spill. While spills involving oil tankers have reduced significantly over recent years, there have been a number of spills this year alone where our equipment has been worth its weight in gold, cleaning up the environment.

Reliability is a core value at Vikoma, and positive feedback on performance during live spills is the best acknowledgement we can receive.

We would love some more pictures of our equipment in action, so if you have any, please send them to [marketing@vikoma.com](mailto:marketing@vikoma.com)



*Hi Sprint boom containing oil in a spill*



*Above: Mop skimmer system with sentinel boom*

*Below: Star Disc Maxi (was Sea Devil)*



*Above: Komara mini and rope mop skimming system*

*Below: SeaSkimmer 50 recovering oil in a spill*



## Vikoflex, our foam filled fence boom is now available in neoprene

Fence boom is traditionally made from polyurethane, however booms are often used in cold, harsh weather conditions and booms made from neoprene are generally more durable. We have therefore developed a fence boom from neoprene to provide a longer life and more durability in response to feedback from a customer. We pride ourselves on working alongside users of our equipment to continually review and improve our products.



*Vikoflex fenceboom, now available in neoprene for increased durability*

### Gold award for Green Impact

As an environmental business we are very passionate about protecting our planet and reducing our environmental footprint.

We sponsored a scheme run by the national union of students, open to all Isle of Wight businesses to initiate or improve and make a difference. 65 businesses signed up and 25, including Vikoma, were ready for assessment in the summer.

With the full support of the board, Gary Barnes and Kate Murray championed the scheme supported by other team members throughout the business working together to make a difference. We were delighted, along with four other businesses, to be awarded a green impact gold award. We will continue to make further improvements over the next year.

Well done team!



**Gold**

This is to certify that  
Vikoma International Ltd  
have been awarded a Gold standard  
2018-19



## Developing our next generation

We and the local schools recognise the importance of employers working with schools to develop our next generation workforce.

Organised by the Local Enterprise Partnership, three local schools joined forces with employers for interactive sessions to develop employment skills. Vikoma's session on work ethics received good feedback as were other subjects too.

Vikoma also attended a 'Meet the Employer' workshop at Cowes Enterprise College to enable students to gain an understanding of careers on the Isle of Wight and to help them with future career choices.

A careers fair was also held at the local college, which we attended alongside a number of other engineering businesses on the island.

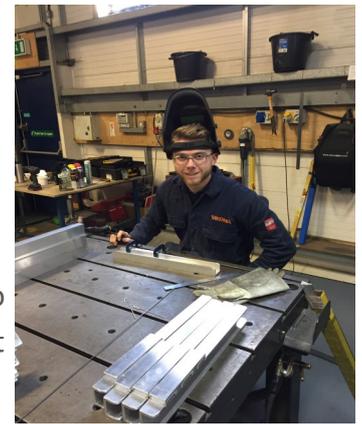
## Welcome to Reece .... Our latest apprentice



Reece has joined us with a Diploma in Engineering and is now looking forward to gaining some practical training and experience. Reece said, "I am so pleased to have been lucky enough to undertake an apprenticeship at

Vikoma. Having gained my Diploma, I am now enjoying the experience of the practical element of the course and being supported by some very experience team members." Welcome to the team, Reece!

## Ben completes apprenticeship as qualified welder



Ben Smith has just completed his apprenticeship and is now a qualified welder. We are delighted to be able to offer Ben a permanent role. Ben said "I've thoroughly enjoyed my apprenticeship at Vikoma and learning lots of new skills. I am delighted to have gained the recent qualification and a permanent position with the company and look forward to working for Vikoma for many years to come.." Well done Ben!

## Message from the Managing Director, Karen Lucas:

It has been a really busy year for us. There has been a high level of production and we've also made time to complete development activities too. As well as that, investing in our team and ensuring we do our bit to save our planet has been really important to us and I would encourage other businesses to follow. Not only do our green initiatives help save the planet but they saved us money too, so a win, win scenario. We work closely with our suppliers and customers who I thank for support and we look forward with confidence to the new year ahead.



Thank you to all those who have contributed to this issue of the Vikoma newsletter. Please feel free to let Megan Macgregor know of upcoming events or recent achievements that would be worthwhile releasing in future issues.