

# News

## VikoSeal upgrade and our pier sealing systems gain popularity

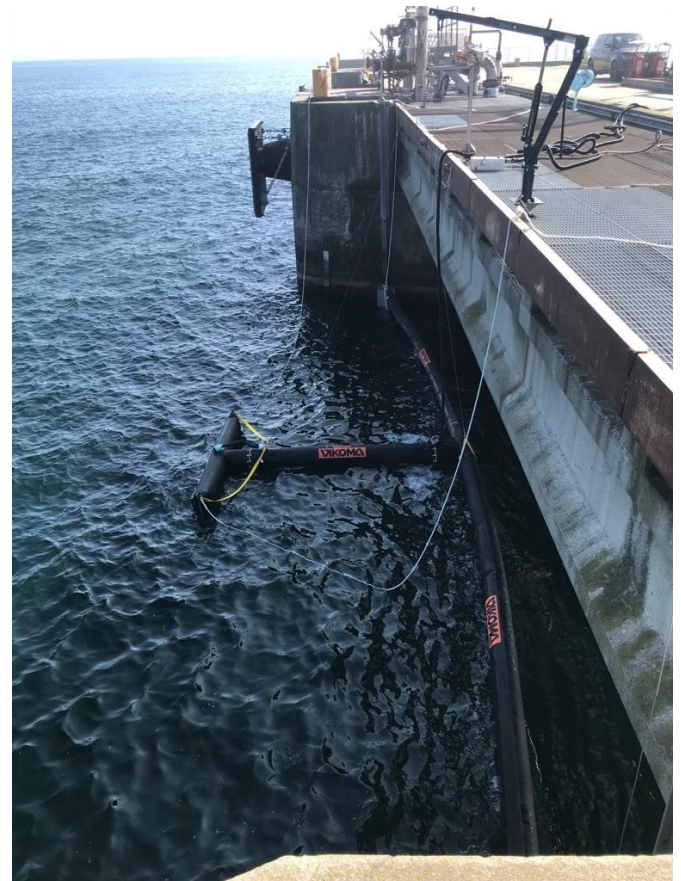


**Our VikoSeal pier sealing systems provide an efficient solution for primary containment of oil spills on open piers.**

Legged piers can provide a challenge when it comes to oil containment of spills during bunkering and transfer operations

In the system installed in the picture above, a neoprene sentinel boom is combined with an integrated VikoSeal together with a slider system to accommodate the rise and fall of the tide. The flexibility and strength of neoprene works perfectly and provides a long term solution as an alternative to surrounding vessels with oil containment boom.

VikoSeal can also be used as a standalone solution without pier sealing in ship to ship or ship to shore transfer operations. VikoSeal has just been upgraded to and is now expandable with interchangeable mid sections for the perfect fit, giving the user greater flexibility and availability on short lead times.



*Above: Vikoma's pier sealing system installation*





## While the world has been in lockdown .... our factory has delivered a lot of containerised packages

Throughout the pandemic, customers realise the importance of reliable oil spill equipment. Our team has kept busy and here are some of the containerised packages of equipment shipped around the world, in recent months, to protect our environment. Bespoke packages provide the right equipment and the right colour scheme giving us happy customers.



Above: bespoke containerised packages meeting customer needs

## Vikoma re-accredited for ISO 9001:2015 until 2024

Quality is at the heart of everything we do. In December we underwent a full ISO 9001:2015 audit which we passed and are now certified to 31st January 2024.

The ISO 9001 is the international standard that specifies requirements for a quality management system (QMS). By achieving this standard we are able to demonstrate the ability to consistently provide products and services that meet customer and regulatory requirements.

This demonstrates that our whole team is working to this high standard of compliance, even during the lockdown. Well done team.



Current status: ISO 9001:2015 certified  
 1st November 2021 to 31st January 2024  
 Original approval: ISO 9001:2015 (1999)

### Certificate of Approval

This is to certify that the Management System of  
**Vikoma International Ltd**  
 Kingston Road, East Cowes, PO32 6JF, United Kingdom

Has been approved by Lloyd's Register to the following standards:  
**ISO 9001:2015**  
 Approval number(s): ISO 9001 - 00007253

The scope of this approval is applicable to:  
 Sales, design, development, manufacture, installation and commissioning of all pollution control systems for containment recovery and skimming and hydrocarbon processing. Sites of oil discharge recovery.

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 Member of Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Limited



## Noise tests, a benefit when choosing Protective Equipment

We design our equipment to be safe for people and safe for the environment. The environmental impact of equipment includes exhaust emissions, carbon footprint and noise emissions. Regulations are constantly changing and there are many different standards our equipment needs to comply with in different countries. Noise emission requirements vary according to application. Equipment intended to be used continuously in urban environments typically has very stringent requirements. These most stringent requirements can result in equipment which is compromised in terms of weight, portability, overall carbon footprint or cost. When we design equipment, we seek to minimise detrimental effects and supply reliable fit for purpose equipment and we validate our work by testing.

A customer recently wanted to specify the correct level of protective equipment and ensure appropriate ear defenders were used, we undertook practical tests to recognised standards and measured the noise emissions from Minivac, our highly effective light weight beach cleaning vacuum system. The tests went well. Minivac noise emissions were within required limits and our customer now has the information



required to equip operators to work safely, and the security of knowing that they have had their equipment tested to recognised standards. Our team of experts are here to help.

*Above: Our mini vac beach cleaning system under going noise tests*

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## New ways of working are here to stay reducing our environmental footprint



Vikoma continues to support the Isle of Wight Green Impact scheme, an initiative by the National Union of Students. Green Impact helps businesses to reduce their environmental impact with the Isle of Wight being the first island to take part in the national scheme, supported by Island businesses and the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce.



Due to COVID many of the plans we had in place for 2020 were able to be implemented straight away. Examples of these being the use of Zoom and Microsoft Teams for meetings worldwide. These have encouraged structured meetings, prompt attendance and good use of time. They have worked particularly well with project kick off meetings giving us the ability to include more people for an effective meeting rather than waste time and money flying. We have had great success with remote Factory Acceptance Tests and supporting site activities and installations as well.





## Gary Barnes finds perfect solution to retiring

After nearly 30 years at Vikoma Gary has decided it's time to step back and enjoy more time with his family and hobbies. With his love of the business and a wealth of knowledge and experience, we were keen to find a new way to keep Gary on the team. Gary will continue to champion our commitment to maintain quality within Vikoma by managing our quality system and ISO accreditation as well as providing technical support when needed. Gary has also been passionate about encouraging bio diversity at our factory, so we hope he'll keep an eye on our bee hotel and flower beds when he's in! All the best Gary, enjoy your next chapter.



Above: Gary's with our garden to encourage wildlife

## Paul Williams steps up

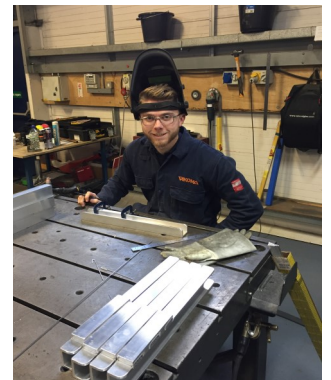
Paul Williams has now taken over a large part of Gary's role. Paul is now our Health & Safety Manager and is also managing our commissioning and field activities. Over the past year Paul has been expanding our commissioning team offering support worldwide. Inspired by lockdown and travel restrictions, remote support and virtual factory acceptance tests are available. "It's important that we continue and improve our high quality customer support, service and training together with technical advice and help where are required" said Paul.



## Mechanical engineering HNC next for Ben Smith

### Ben Smith

Ben completed his apprenticeship in welding and fabrication in 2019 and recently began an HNC in mechanical engineering. Ben said "I gained a huge amount of knowledge and experience during my apprenticeship and my HNC will build on this and open more doors for me in my future career. I am grateful for the time and effort given to me by Vikoma".



In the mean time Ben has also been assessed and passed certification for welding in exotic materials (6MO and Super Duplex Stainless Steel). We now have 3 welders qualified in 6MO and Super Duplex Stainless Steel. Well done Ben, keep learning!

## Message from the Managing Director, Karen Lucas:

It's been a challenging year for most businesses throughout the world with the Covid pandemic, however I am pleased to say that by quickly implementing Covid safe working practices and a "can do" attitude by our team, our factory has remained open at all times. Adapting to working from home has been a necessity for many of our team and a good learning experience. We haven't stood still in the last year and in the next newsletter I will share some exciting new product development with you. In the meantime, stay safe and well.

