

## News Release

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### Derek Blackwood joins the board of WFS Technologies

Livingston, Scotland (November, 1 2011) – WFS Technologies announce today the appointment of Derek Blackwood, OBE, President of Wood Group PSN Americas region, to its Board of Directors.



Derek began his career as a student apprentice with BP Tanker Company gaining an HND in Marine Engineering. He worked in a variety of roles within the oil & gas industry with John Brown Engineering, Marathon Oil UK, APG/Salamis JV, prior to joining Wood Group Engineering as Managing Director in Aberdeen in 1996.

In 1999, Derek relocated to Houston and took on responsibility for Wood Group's Engineering and Production Facilities in North and South America.

In his current role, Derek is still based in Houston and is responsible for the Wood Group PSN businesses in Canada, USA, Latin America and the Caribbean.

***"I am looking forward to joining the Board of WFS Technologies. I initially became involved with WFS a few years ago in response to a request for assistance from Brendan Hyland to the Globalscot network. I have been extremely impressed with the leading edge technology that WFS is continually creating and hopefully I will be able to contribute to the growth and development of the company and the enhanced deployment of that technology"***

Derek is a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers; a member of the Energy Institute; a non executive director of Shawcor Ltd, a director of the Saltire Foundation and a founder member of the Globalscot network. He was appointed OBE in the 2007 New Year's Honour's List.

Outside of his impressive career, Derek has been married to his wife Jean for 35 years and has a son Stuart and a daughter Heather. His interests are watching most sports, particularly football and playing golf.

***"We are very pleased Derek has joined the board of WFS"*** says Brendan Hyland, Chairman of the Board of WFS Technologies. ***"He brings to us depth of experience in the global oil & gas industry, backed up by exceptional commercial skills. He has significant strategic insight, and an understanding of company growth and increasing shareholder value, and we look forward to the strengths he will add to the team."***

#### About WFS:

WFS Technologies is the world's leader in commercial application of through water and through-ground wireless radio frequency (RF) technology for communication, navigation and power transfer. Our field proven expertise in wireless connectivity is delivering cost savings and new capabilities to the Subsea and Homeland Security & Defense industries worldwide.



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WFS's robust communications and sensing products extend the reach of conventional communications, telemetry, control systems and sensor networks providing cost savings, improvements in operational performance and flexibility. Headquartered near Edinburgh in the UK, WFS has sites in Aberdeen, UK, Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Houston, USA.

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