

This is the third newsletter for The National HVDC Centre, which aims to keep stakeholders informed of our progress and developments.

In this edition, we focus on a new forum which has been established for Operators of HVDC schemes, and our RTDS® Demonstrator.



Visualisations of:
The National HVDC Centre



LCNI Conference

This year's LCNI Conference will be held at the ACC Liverpool on 24th-26th November 2015.

Please visit us at our dedicated stand at this event.

New On-line Forum

We have launched some new functionality on our web-site (hvdccentre.com/forum).

- Forum: Enables everyone to start (and contribute to) on-line discussions; and
- Secure areas: in addition to the 'public' library and forum, secure areas have been set-up for Operators of HVDC schemes to discuss and share.

HVDC Operators' Forum

On 8th October we hosted the inaugural HVDC Operators' Forum meeting. This brought together a community of people from organisations that are working directly on HVDC projects, on the GB Network.

The HVDC Operators' Forum aims to:

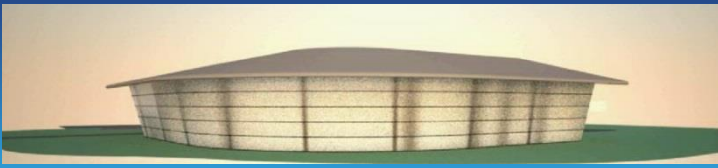
- Share lessons learnt on HVDC projects, so that any issues or challenges are anticipated;
- Build contacts among HVDC projects to foster knowledge exchanges;

- Build a secure library of useful documents; and
- Share the outputs from work undertaken at The National HVDC Centre.

The full day event was well attended, with senior representatives from most current and planned HVDC schemes in GB, sharing practical experience and expertise.

We agreed to make the Forum an annual event.

Vicky Gilford
Communications Manager



Building Work

Planning permission was granted on 16th October; and we expect building work to start in January 2016.

Alstom Visit

Many thanks to Alstom for hosting our project team at their Stafford offices in September. Our visit to their RTDS[®] laboratories was very informative and helped us understand the practicalities of running such a facility.

Recruitment

We will be advertising for the Centre's first 'Simulation Engineer' in November 2015.

Please visit: www.ssejobs.co.uk or www.hvdccentre.com for details, and to apply.

Demonstrator Workstation at the LCNI Conference

The new Centre will focus around Simulation Workstations; a mock-up of one of these workstation has been set-up in our Glasgow office. This enables us to test both the technical integration and also the practical usability of the workstation.



Demonstrator Workstation in our Glasgow Office



Illustration of our LCNI Conference stand

We will bring this 'Demonstrator Workstation' and our first RTDS[®] simulator to the LCNI conference in Liverpool (24th – 26th November) where we will demonstrate their capabilities.

Simon Marshall
Project Manager

RTDS[®] Rack Installation & Training

In August, we took delivery of our first RTDS[®] rack, which has been tested and installed in our Glasgow office. We have been impressed with its functionality, and the support we've received from RTDS[®] Technologies.



Colin with our first RTDS[®] Rack



Simon and Colin completing their RTDS[®] Training with Cyprian and Greg.

In September, RTDS Technologies ran an introductory training course on the RTDS[®] hardware and RSCAD software, at our Glasgow office.

Colin Cameron
ICT Engineer

