

Meet the Industry Representatives



Adonis Pouroulis, CEO and Founder – Chariot & the Pella Group

Adonis, one of the founders of Chariot and its Namibian subsidiary Enigma, is a mining entrepreneur whose expertise lies in the discovery, exploration, financing and development of mineral resources including diamonds, precious metals, base metals and more recently battery metals. Adonis has lead various teams that have built new mining assets from exploration through and into production. Recent focus has been on developing and bringing battery metal recycling businesses into production as well as investing in green energy projects with an emphasis on industries producing clean and sustainable energy. Adonis has worked in the sector for over 25 years and has been influential in the founding, financing and growth of a number of companies, including Petra Diamonds. Adonis founded Petra in 1997 and it became the first diamond company to float on AIM. He was executive chair of Petra until 2011 and oversaw it becoming one of Africa's largest diamond producers leading to Petra being a constituent of the FTSE250 for many years. After more than 20 years at the helm of Petra he stepped down in 2020. Adonis is the founder and chair of the Pella Resources Group, an African focused natural resources group. Pella has collaborated and been a seed investor in various technology metal related and renewable energy companies operating globally.



Louise Hornby, Country Manager – Woodside

Louise has been working in the oil and gas industry for over 15 years and came to the industry with a Petroleum degree from the University of Aberdeen and a MSc in Basin Evolution & Dynamics from Royal Holloway, University of London. Following two internships at Talisman Energy and Shell E & P she joined Hunt Oil in their UK office. Following this she worked with Tullow Oil in their Global New Ventures team and held geologist roles in several assets. Louise has been with Woodside Energy for 6 years, initially as a senior geologist but has held exploration manager roles on 3 continents and is currently a Director and UK Country Manager based in London. Louise is passionate about Energy and how our industry leads the way through the transition and is studying an MSc part-time in Renewable Energy Development with Heriot Watt University.



Chris Flavell, Chairman – Zinc Consultants

Chris holds a BSc in Geology and an MSc in Applied Geophysics from the University of Birmingham. He started his career in 1980 with BP in London and has since worked for a variety of small to large Independent Oil Companies in various technical and managerial roles, as well as consulting for 8 years. Chris's last oil company role was General Manager of Exploration for Tullow Oil, playing a leading role in the company's outstanding exploration success from 2006 to 2013. In 2013, Chris founded and is now Chairman of Zinc Consultants, an Executive Search company specialising in the Energy Sector. Chris was also a Non-Executive Director of Getech Group from 2015 until 2021.



Joelle Way, Geotechnical Engineer – Fugro

Joelle holds an MSc Petroleum Geoscience. Started as a GIS technician within a local engineering company - this along with my degrees opened up the door for me to work where I am now, doing what I really enjoy. Worked for Fugro for almost 4 years leading teams in the laboratory offshore and onshore to meet project objectives. Projects include ground analysis for jack up rigs, offshore pipelines/cable routes and offshore windfarms. Working with people from all over the globe (both offshore and onshore). Sometimes I can be the only woman working on the offshore vessel, or rarely me and one other woman, however I have noticed a slow increase in more women within the industry. Worked on the development of the UK's and Europe's offshore windfarms including one of the largest windfarms in the world, known as Hornsea.



Ed Anderson, Geoscience Team Leader – CGG

Expertise / Experience: 12+ years Geoscience international technical experience; exploration/new ventures, subsurface technical lead, seismic interpreter and frontier well operations. Strong technical expertise, with broad based expertise in basin evolution, petroleum systems, interaction between sediments and structures, play fairway analysis and prospect evaluation. Previously a company focal point for petroleum systems analysis, play fairway analysis and non-operated well operations.

Previous Roles: CGG Robertson – Senior Geoscientist (current), Woodside Energy, Chariot Oil and Gas, Centrica Energy: East Irish Sea

Regional Experience (in oil and gas companies): UK, Namibia, Brazil, Mexico, Western Black Sea, Republic of Congo

Qualifications: MGeoSci. from Keele University and MSc Petroleum Engineering from Heriott Watt University