

Craig International appoints country manager for Middle East to support business growth

Oil and gas procurement specialist, Craig International, has appointed Steve Gibson as country manager for the Middle East to support the company's continued growth across the region.

Based at the company's premises in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Steve brings more than 20 years experience and has held a number of senior supply chain positions for GE Oil and Gas, Technip and GAC Group.

Steve joins Craig International from McDermott International where he most recently held the role of logistics and trade compliance manager for the marine sector in the Middle East.

In his new role, Steve will be responsible for the continued growth of the company in the Middle East, working closely with Craig International's local partner Al Shoumoukh, in the region.

The company entered a strategic partnership with Abu Dhabi-based Al Shoumoukh in 2017 as the company recognised the need to have local representation in the region.

Commenting on his appointment Mr Gibson said: "Craig International has an enviable reputation in the industry for safety, quality and adding value to its clients' procurement processes, and I am thrilled to be joining the team.

"This is a very exciting time for the company and I am looking forward to driving the business' strategic objectives, while further building upon its strong presence in the Middle East."

Steve McHardy, director at Craig International, said: "Steve joins our Middle East operations at a crucial time for the business as we look to grow our market share in the region, while entering new areas such as Saudi Arabia. His appointment will help to drive our business forward and enhance our operations in the Middle East."

Steve's appointment comes as the company recently announced relocation to larger facilities in the region to meet increased business demand.

Craig International moved to new premises in October 2017, increasing office space from a serviced facility to a standalone facility with room for future growth.