

## **Penspen Group Expands Integrity Services in The Middle East with Appointment of Ibrahim Washash**

The Penspen Group today announced the appointment of Mr Ibrahim Washash as its new Regional Manager of Integrity Services in the Middle East. Based in Abu Dhabi, Ibrahim will spearhead Penspen's initiative to enhance its already-significant Integrity Services profile across the region. Penspen is currently providing Integrity services throughout UAE, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, Kazakhstan and Iraq from its principal Middle East office in Abu Dhabi. Together with his team, Ibrahim will expand this remit to incorporate the full range of oil and gas Integrity services from pipelines to plants and facilities.

Ibrahim joins Penspen from Wood Group Integrity Management where he ran their specialist facilities integrity management consultancy for both green and brown fields. Having worked for a number of UAE-based operators, published extensive papers and codes of practice, Ibrahim has over thirty years experience in technical audits and evaluations, failure assessments, corrosion prevention, cathodic protection, intelligent pigging, risk assessment and integrity management systems.

Ibrahim is a Chartered Engineer, a Professional Member of the Institute of Corrosion, a Member of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, and a NACE Certified Coating Inspector.

Penspen's Director of Integrity, Nigel Curson said:

"Penspen is world-renowned for Integrity Services and is strategically focussed on the Middle east and Caspian Region. Ibrahim's technical experience, combined with his thirty years experience in the region, will enable us to capitalise on our experience and maximise the effectiveness of our client response." "

Ibrahim Washash said:

"Penspen has an excellent reputation in Integrity services and I am very excited to be joining the group. The Abu Dhabi and Doha teams already have outstanding experience in pipeline Integrity and I am looking forward to helping them build on that, as well as enabling them to branch out into facilities integrity."

Dalina Merican, General Manager, UAE, said:

"Ibrahim has outstanding credentials, and is a superb fit for this very important position. Although Penspen has an established presence in the Middle East, we have expanded at such a rate that the addition of someone like Ibrahim has become essential to further support our business growth. His technical, commercial and leadership experience as well as his expertise in the Corrosion and Integrity industry will suit and benefit Penspen very well in its drive to provide its Middle East clients with the outstanding consultancy."