



Hirtshals and Trondheim, 21. September 2023

Information to customers and associates regarding the operation of the Flume Tank in Hirtshals

We are pleased to inform that SINTEF Ocean AS and the North Sea Science Park (Nordsøen Forskerpark) has signed an agreement meaning that the North Sea Science Park as of 1 October 2023 will take over the operation of the Flume Tank in Hirtshals, which SINTEF Ocean AS has leased and operated since 2000. Operation and management of the activities in the Flume Tank will – as of 1 October 2023 – be handled by a newly established subsidiary – “Flume Tank North Sea A/S” – a 100% owned subsidiary of the North Sea Science Park. The activities will continue as previously.

The purpose of the new subsidiary is “to operate and develop the Flume Tank on a commercial basis, offering tests, development, education and demonstrations of fishery technology, equipment for aquaculture and other subsea technology for use in marine environments. The company may also participate in research and development projects.

The current and very competent staff have all been offered to transfer to the “Flume Tank North Sea A/S”. Managing Director will be Mette Hyldgaard Roussis (current Project Manager in the North Sea Science Park and an experienced business developer). Mette Hyldgaard Roussis may be contacted via email: mhr@nordsoemail.dk or telephone + 45 4032 3096.

“We are looking forward to cooperating with the customers and users of the Flume Tank. We are very pleased that we have secured highly specialized know-how and jobs in Hirtshals. We will continue the activities in the Flume tank, fulfill all tasks agreed with customers and initiate an ongoing dialogue with customers hoping that they will also provide input when we will shape the future strategy for the Flume Tank”, says Mette Hyldgaard Roussis.

Having signed an agreement with North Sea Science Park, SINTEF Ocean AS has secured continuity and the possibility for customers to continue being able to test and develop equipment for fishery and aquaculture. Managing Director SINTEF Ocean AS, Vegar Johansen, says: “We are very satisfied with a solution securing both our competent staff and maintaining operation of the valuable facilities in the Flume Tank to the customers. Many trawls have been tested in the Hirtshals Flume Tank during the past 23 years and both the fishermen and the manufacturers of nets and gear have learned to optimize the use of the equipment. Designs for new types of selective fishing gear have been tested in Hirtshals before being put to use at sea.”

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