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## **Toolbox Talk**



# **Chat Away!**

Check out our new Discussion Forum on the Wellwise Group website. Any contractor or client who has a username and password can participate. Simply log in and click on the Discussion Forum option at www.wellwisegroup.com

There are already a few topics to get you started, but feel free to create your own. We have developed this Forum as an extension of our website in an effort to extend the Club culture to Contractors and Clients alike.

Perhaps help other contractors by solving a problem, Clients may wish to raise important issues, offer advice, or just get something off your chest. Treat the Forum as your coffee shop chat room while browsing our website. You will be able to see who else is online and chat with them about whatever you like. Please note however that the forum is moderated – so no bad language please!

This is your forum to encourage you to communicate with other club members. Please get involved...be part of the Club community... extract the maximum that you can from being a member. Like many other things in life...what you get out of the Club membership is often directly linked to what you contribute!!

We look forward to reading your comments.

PayZone Reminder

December saw the end of the second year of the PayZone Loyalty Bonus Scheme. We would like to remind you that your 2007 points are now redeemable.

Please remember that the maximum period a contractor can redeem PayZone points before they expire is set at 730 days (2 years).

You can view your points via the website www. wellwisegroup.com. All you need to do to claim is to email lesley.smith@wellwisegroup.com and request payment. Loyalty points are accrued as follows:

100 – 125	£1 each
126 – 150	All your points increase to £2 each
151 – 200	All your points increase to £3 each
201+	All your points increase to £5 each

Please remember that the award of the points are subject to Terms and Conditions (which can be found on the website). You must be loyal to Wellwise Group otherwise your points will get zeroed.



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# RIR of the quarter (Oct – Dec 2007)

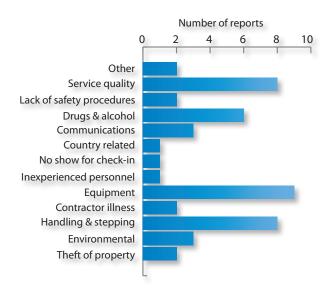
This quarter's winner is Julian Colby, who submitted a Risk Identification Report (RIR No. HSE 54/07) after identifying faulty sample bottles.

The Client was informed and action was taken accordingly. Read the full details by logging on to our website www.wellwisegroup.com under QHSE.

Julian Colby will receive an Ipod as his award. Well Done Julian, your actions have probably prevented a serious accident.

Please don't hesitate to raise an RIR if you see a potential hazard or incident whilst on a job, these can now be easily completed by a Wizard Tool via our website as above.

Last quarter's winner lan Kirkland has also been commended for excellent safety commitment with Schlumberger in Australia. Bengt Nielsen, Field Service Manager recently quoted "lan Kirkland and Richard Matthews are doing a great job onshore in Australia, contributing largely to our safety programs and risk identification, even teaching some of our junior guys a thing or two with regards to pressure safety".



In 2007, 63 RIR reports were submitted to the Wellwise Group system. Fifteen of these were office related, and are not shown in the chart above. Office related RIR's are high because we actively encourage employees to identify risks within the work place. Above is an analysis of the different types of incidents which have occurred. It will be interesting to compare with 2008 statistics.

# Travelling to Equatorial Guinea?

**New Police Check Requirement** 



Further to an announcement from the Minister of Mines and Energy in Equatorial Guinea, in future all people applying for a visa to enter EG will require to have a Police Check as part of their application.

Everyone is aware that the whole world is under terrorist threat and EG is no exception. EG is one of those few countries that have not experienced terrorist attacks, and they wish to remain that way.

The situation will make Entry Visa and LOI processing from the Ministry more difficult so cooperation is requested. This is purely a security precaution. No further LOI's (Letters of Invitation) will be issued without a CV and a Police Report from the persons country of origin.

Wellwise Group is able to apply for a police checks on behalf of our contractors, however we will need a Norfolk Constabulary A220 form signed (Data Protection authority) and a copy of some photo ID in addition to a copy of your passport. We will be contacting a selection of contractors with a view to putting this process in place as soon as possible. Ellie at Wellwise is co-ordinating these police checks so please give her a call if you have any queries.

By obtaining a police check contractors will also be able to travel to Brazil to work, as this has been part of their visa requirement for some time.



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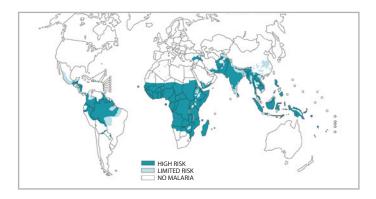
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# Malaria

Most people under estimate the dangers of Malaria, but it must never be forgotten that malaria is a potentially life-threatening disease.

If you are travelling to any of the countries highlighted in blue below you could be at risk from malaria. For specific malaria-risk areas, log on and visit our world map on **www.wellwisegroup.com** or visit www.cdc.gov/travel



Humans get malaria from the bite of a mosquito infected with the parasite. You can usually prevent malaria by taking an antimalarial drug and avoiding mosquito bites.

Symptons of Malaria include fever and flu-like illness, including shaking chills, headache, muscle aches, and tiredness. Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea may also occur. Malaria may also cause anemia and jaundice (yellow colouring of the skin and eyes) because of loss of red blood cells. Complications of untreated malaria include mental confusion, seizures, coma, kidney failure, and death.

Malaria symptoms will occur at least 7-9 days after infection; fever in the first week of travel is unlikely to be malaria, although any illness should be promptly evaluated.

Immediate treatment of malaria is critical. Any traveller who becomes ill with a fever or flu-like symptoms while travelling and up to one year after returning home should immediately seek professional medical care, and advise that you have been in a malaria-risk area.

Antimalarial drugs are available, although most do have some side effects. Minor side effects such as nausea, occasional vomiting, or diarrhea usually do not require stopping the antimalarial drug. However if you cannot tolerate your antimalarial medication seek an alternative – **do not go without!** 

Consult your local medical centre to get advice on which antimalarial drugs should be taken when visiting different countries. You will be prescribed one of the following drugs: Atovaquone/proguanil (brand name Malarone); Doxycycline (many brand names); Mefloquine (brand name Larium); Chloroquine (brand name Aralen).

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**Self Treatment** - Malaria can be a fatal disease if not treated quickly. If your travel itinerary will take you more than 24 hours away from professional medical care, request a self treatment drug from your health provider.

**Prevention** - Protect yourself from mosquito bites. Mosquitoes that transmit malaria bite between dusk and dawn. At these times, stay in doors if possible, or wear long sleeved shirts, long pants and a hat. Apply insect repellent containing DEET to exposed skin only; do not use under clothing.

DEET is toxic if swallowed, so spray outside; wash skin with soap and water after coming indoors; do not put repellent on broken skin or wounds; do not breathe in or get into the eyes.

Take a flying insect spray or mosquito coils on your trip to help clear rooms of insects. If you are not staying in well-screened or air-conditioned rooms, take additional precautions, including sleeping under mosquito netting. Bed nets sprayed with the insecticide permethrin are more effective.

Further information can be found on www.netdoctor.co.uk/travel

#### PREVENT MALARIA

- Take antimalarial drug
- Prevent mosquito bites
- If you get sick seek professional medical advice immmediately



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# International Rotary Rig Count

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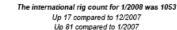
	THIS MONTH			VARIANCE	LAST MONTH			LAST YEAR		
	LAND	OFF- SHORE	TOTAL	FROM LAST MONTH	LAND	OFF- SHORE	TOTAL	LAND	OFF- SHORE	TOTAL
EUROPE	48	45	93	16	31	46	77	26	48	74
MIDDLE EAST	241	34	275	1	235	39	274	235	28	263
AFRICA	52	16	68	-6	58	16	74	52	17	69
LATIN AMERICA	291	74	365	-5	294	76	370	265	70	335
ASIA PACIFIC	130	122	252	11	127	114	241	118	113	231
INTERNATIONAL	762	291	1,053	17	745	291	1,036	696	276	972

Source Baker Hughes Integ

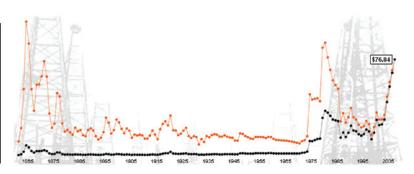
International rotary Rig Count and Oil price per Bbl are arguably the most valuable market indicators in our business.

2008 has started very well, lets hope things stay that way!

Crude Oil Prices 1861 - 2007







## Club communiqué

Jo Abrey (opposite) joined us from Expro Gt. Yarmouth last October, and has become a valuable member of our team. Jo is responsible for managing the Wellwise Group Competency Scheme, as well as offering support to the Operations and QHSE Departments. If you are unable to get hold of Wayne, Glenn or Dan please ask for Jo.

Ellie our front office administrator celebrated her 21st birthday on the 16th December. She had a great night on the town, however, after an over enthusiastic hug from a complete stranger, he managed to drop her on her head, and she spent the night in hospital with concussion!!

Simon Gray of Expro became the proud father of a boy on the 4th Feb. Jamieson James Gray was born at 06:37am, and weighed in at 8lb 5oz. It is their first baby.

Steve Turnbull replaces Ray Houghton as Operations Manager Expro Aberdeen. Ray has now transferred to Norway.

Gary Sims previously Expro Norway has transferred to Malaysia.

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# Benefits of contracting with Wellwise Group

Wellwise Group have always been considered a cut above their competitors for offering a good service to their Clients, and offering numerous benefits to their Contractors and Clients.

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