Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Somerset presents Viper Subsea with Queen's Award for Enterprise

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset, Mrs Annie Maw, has officially presented Viper Subsea with The Queen's Award for Enterprise in Innovation at a ceremony at the company's Portishead head office which took place on Friday 19th August.

Viper Subsea is an engineering company that provides consultancy and develops products and services for the global subsea oil and gas sector. The Queen's Award for Enterprise in Innovation was awarded to the company for its ground-breaking V-LIFE Electrical Insulation Resistance Improvement System which since launch in 2013 has become established as a key component in helping operators extending the life of their offshore fields. The system has been deployed as far afield as Africa, Indonesia and Australia.

Speaking at the presentation, HM Lord-Lieutenant said "It is a great honour and a privilege to be presenting this award on behalf of Her Majesty to Viper Subsea Technology. We in Somerset are especially proud that this innovative work is being undertaken in our county."

The Queen's Award in Innovation is awarded following recommendation from the Prime Minister and was conferred on 21th April 2016, Her Majesty's birthday. Managing Director Neil Douglas and Business Development Director Max Nodder also attended HM The Queen's Reception at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 14th July.

"Receiving the Queen's Award for Enterprise in Innovation is a pinnacle in achievement for the V-LIFE system," explained Neil Douglas. "This is a product that typifies the spirit of innovation and excellence which is at the heart of the Viper Subsea culture, and which is shared by all staff. Although less than three years old, V-LIFE has already secured several accolades and has been instrumental in establishing the company at the forefront of engineering technology in the subsea sector. The Queen's Award for Innovation is one which all staff at Viper Subsea can be proud of."

Previously, V-LIFE has been awarded the Innovation of the Year award at the Business Leader Awards 2015; the prestigious Innovation & Technology Award at the Subsea UK Business Awards 2014; and the Technology Innovation of the Year award at the Private Business Awards 2014. The Queen's Award confirms the system's place as one of the most important innovations of recent years within the subsea oil and gas industry, and one which reaffirms British design and manufacturing expertise.

About Viper Subsea

Established in 2007 by Neil Douglas and Max Nodder, Viper Subsea designs, develops and supplies products and services for subsea control and distribution systems in the offshore oil and gas industry. The company is based in Portishead near Bristol, and has an office in Aberdeen.

Viper Subsea has emerged as one of the subsea oil and gas industry's most innovative companies and an example of British engineering prowess. A culture of continual investment in Research and Development (R&D) has resulted in a series of innovative products, with 16 patents already filed. Approximately 30% of all engineering effort is invested in R&D activities.

Over 80% of the company's product sales are in export, with products installed as far afield as Brazil, Norway, Germany, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Vietnam, USA, Australia, and Indonesia.

In 2011, Neil was named as Institute of Directors (IoD) South West Director of the Year. Viper Subsea was also selected by the Prime Minister's enterprise adviser Lord Young to join Accelerate 2013 as one of Britain's 250 fastest growing companies with the most potential. In 2014 Viper Subsea was announced as the winner of the Subsea UK award for Innovation and Technology which was followed by further success when Viper Subsea was declared as the winner of the Innovation and Technology Award at the National Private Business Awards.

In April 2016 Viper Subsea won a Queen's Award for Enterprise in Innovation for its ground-breaking V-LIFE Electrical Insulation Resistance Improvement System.