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Tyneside insurer makes wave as major North East employer with latest round of recruitment

TYNESIDE-based shipping and marine insurer, North P&I Club has expanded its team with a raft of new appointments.

Twenty positions have been created at the Newcastle headquartered firm within the last six months, including the appointment of Freight, Demurrage and Defence (FD&D) solicitors Jenna Keir and Faye Thompson, and actuary Laura Stopford.

North hasn't let the pandemic put a dampener on its growth plans, creating nearly forty new roles and making seventeen internal promotions in the last year. The recruitment wave forms part of North's strategic vision to grow and diversify its team of leading maritime experts, with the maritime insurer proud of its role as a major North East employer continuing to hire and promote throughout the pandemic.

Paul Jennings, CEO of North P&I Club, commented: "Our people are our greatest asset, and so even as COVID-19 hit, we have remained committed to investing in our workforce and supporting economic opportunity in our region.

"It's fantastic to welcome a host of new individuals to our growing business. From solicitors and project managers, to HR advisors and marketing experts, we have hired for a range of senior positions and all are specialists in their field. Their expertise and knowledge will undoubtedly help us continue to see the business go from strength to strength.

"We're also proud of the fact that over half of these new appointments are women, with 12 of the 20 new appointments female. North have plans to continue to diversify our senior team and have recently appointed our first female vice-chair to the board."

Currently employing more than 270 people in Newcastle and a further 110 in offices around the world, North is a major employer in the region. The business also prides itself on advocating gender equality in a traditionally male dominated industry, with the Club's first female Vice-Chair of the Board, Ioanna Procopiou, also appointed this year.

North has recently surpassed its total entered tonnage to over 230 million gross tonnes, further cementing its position as leading member of the International Group of P&I Clubs across which operate across the world.

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About North P&I Club:

North P&I Club is a leading global marine insurer providing P&I, FD&D, war risks, to over 245M GT of owned and chartered tonnage. North Hull launched in July 2020 providing H&M and ancillary insurances and through its Sunderland Marine brand, North is also a leading insurer of fishing vessels, small craft, aquaculture risks and owners' fixed premium P&I cover. The S&P Global 'A' rated Club is based in Newcastle upon Tyne, UK with regional offices and subsidiaries in Australasia, China (Hong Kong and Shanghai), Greece, Ireland, Japan, Singapore and USA. North is a leading member of the International Group of P&I Clubs (IG), with over 12% of the IG's owned tonnage. The 13 IG clubs provide liability cover for approximately 90% of the world's ocean-going tonnage and, as a member of the IG, North protects and promotes the interests of the international shipping industry. For further information, visit: www.nepia.com

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