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Chris Fisher joined Brookes Bell in January 2011 and his company, Bunker Claims International Ltd., became part of the Brookes Bell Group.

Summary of Career History

- Qualified Marine Engineer.
- Chief Marine Engineer with crude, petroleum products and chemical cargo experience.
- Marine Superintendent for Texaco with Tanker Fleet Management responsibility.
- Director of U.K.-based Marine Consultancy Company. Liquid cargo loss and contamination experts.
- Expert Witness - marine cargo and bunker disputes.
- Author of three books on legal and technical aspects of marine fuels. Latest edition 2004.
- Director of Marketing, Det Norske Veritas, Europe (Petroleum Services Division).
- European General Manager, Det Norske Veritas.
- Northern European Director - The British Standards Institution - Inspection/Testing.

Summary of Strengths

- Management of European-based Marine Survey Companies.
- Marketing in oil and marine sectors.
- Technical knowledge, marine, liquid cargo and laboratory design & operation.
- Expert Witness - marine engineering and marine fuels.

Marine Period 1967-1979

- Four years' studies at Marine College London to ONC level in Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture.
- Career at sea as Marine Engineer, promoted to Chief Engineer at age of 28 on VLCCs and product, chemical parcel tankers, owned and managed by Texaco.

Ship Management Period 1979-1983

- Fleet Superintendent for Texaco. Responsible for budgets, expenditure control, maintenance programmes for ocean-going tankers. Review and selection of shipyard tenders for major vessel refits and on-site price and quality control during refits.
- Head of tanker lay-up programme. Selecting suitable sites for lay-up of VLCCs in Far East and Scandinavia and managing rafts of laid-up vessels, budget and technical responsibility.

Consultancy Period 1983-1987

- Director and Technical Expert for T.J. Gunner & Sons. U.K.-based Marine Consultancy Company with laboratory for crude oil, petroleum products and petrochemical investigative analyses.
- Author of book for Lloyd's of London Press on marine fuel, technical & legal aspects.
- Expert Witness - U.K. Court and Arbitration. Liquid cargo and bunker fuel disputes.

Marketing & Management. Det Norske Veritas 1987-1995

- Director of International Marketing. During the period 1987-1991 set up an International Network of sales staff and agents to promote DNV marine fuel testing services.
- Assigned to the Netherlands to build new bunker oil testing laboratory and manage DNV European operations.
- Published second book on marine fuel, legal and technical.

Management Period Inspection and Testing 1995-2003 (a Wholly Owned Division of The British Standards Institution) Based in The Netherlands.

- Appointed N.Europe Director, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany.
- Formed new Oil & Petrochemical Division in Antwerp with laboratory. Set up new O&P laboratory in Amsterdam.
- Designed and commissioned new laboratory and office facility for oil & petrochemical testing in Rotterdam, completed 2003.

- Provided Bunker Consultancy and Expert Witness services to Law Firms, P&I, Ship Owners and Fuel Suppliers throughout period with BSI, through "Bunker Claims International".

Bunker Claims International Ltd.

- December 2003 formed own company Bunker Claims International Ltd. and returned to the United Kingdom to work full time in the Marine Consultancy business.
- May 2004 - new edition of Book on Bunkers published. Co-author being Jonathan Lux of Ince & Co.
- Throughout 2004 to date - handled bunker claim cases for Law Firms, P&I, Ship Owners, Charterers and Fuel Suppliers. Gave expert testimony at several arbitrations.

2006 - Elected as Fellow of The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (FIMarEST).

2008 - Elected Vice Chairman of The International Bunker Industry Association.

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