



Marine, Scientific and Technical
Consultants and Surveyors



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Alan Smaridge is a chemistry graduate and a Chartered Chemist. He gained experience of a wide range of commodities including essential oil, soaps, detergents and aerosol propellant before moving into the petroleum business as a laboratory chemist, analysing an extensive range of petroleum products and chemicals. He became a chemist inspector both in the U.K. and overseas, gaining a wide knowledge of sampling, inspection and measurement procedures.

Alan joined Brookes Bell in 2009 and applies his experience to disputes involving the loading and discharge of a diverse range of cargoes carried by road, rail and sea, varying from crude oil, finished petroleum products, especially multi-grade shipments, vegetable oil, and through to sophisticated pharmaceuticals.

Alan has undertaken numerous joint analyses and is experienced in conducting field surveys aboard tankers, at refineries and storage installations worldwide. He has special experience in the chemistry of bunker fuel and bunker quality disputes having served on Institute of Petroleum committees on flammability and general tests concerning fuels and light distillates.

Alan is an experienced expert witness and has prepared many reports and technical papers for use in arbitrations and High Court proceedings.

Academic Qualifications

B.Sc. Joint Hons. in Applied Science, University of Wales Institute of Science & Technology, Cardiff. Main subjects Pure & Applied Chemistry.

Membership of Professional Bodies

Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry (since 1981).
Chartered Chemist Status (MRSC CCHEM).

Professional Appointments

Member of the following Institute of Petroleum test method standardization committees:-
ST-B-4 Panel on flammability.
ST-B-10 Panel on general tests (fuels & light distillates).

Particular Scientific and Consultancy Expertise

The investigation of quality disputes and shortage claims involving petroleum, chemical, LPG and vegetable oil products. Investigative surveys on vessels, at shore installations and refineries on a worldwide basis, on behalf of cargo underwriters, P&I Clubs, oil companies, oil traders and shipowners. Testimony at arbitration and litigation proceedings.

Surveying and Consultancy Employment

2009-present	Partner, Brookes Bell.
1993-2009	Independent Chemist Surveyor & Consultant retained by Minton, Treharne & Davies Ltd.
1988-1992	Independent Chemist Surveyor & Consultant retained by T.J. Gunner & Sons Ltd.
1986-1988	T.J. Gunner & Sons Ltd. - Chemist/Surveyor

Analytical Chemist and Inspector Employment

1985-1986	Inspectorate Ltd. - Senior Inspector/Chemist in the Oil Division
1982-1985	Watson Gray (Analysts) Ltd. - Chemist/Inspector
1978-1982	Yardley Manufacturing Ltd. - Analytical Development Chemist