



INTERVIEW

Kevin Ritchie Sword Venture's Senior Consultant

Your Role & Responsibilities

How did you end up working for Sword Venture?

I got a flight from Aberdeen and then a Taxi to Staines. My role at CNOOC is Livelink Support Analyst.

Tell us a little about your role at Sword Venture?

At my current assignment (11th year) I manage the Livelink support queue calls and support the IM team.

What do you enjoy most about your role and working for Sword Venture?

I believe that the culture and values is a large part of why Sword Venture is so successful and why it's a good environment to work in.

What makes Sword Venture different to anywhere you have worked before?

Refer to previous statement about culture & values; "do it right"; "be the best"

What career development have you experienced with Sword venture?

I've moved through the ranks to be Senior Consultant (though I think Senior relates to age rather ability).

What do you think is next for the Oil & Gas industry?

Expanding to other untapped regions (West Africa, South America with more investment in HP/HT wells and better management of mature assets with improved technology like directional drilling/interventions)

Let's Get Personal.....

What advice would you give someone thinking of applying to Sword venture?

It's a company that allows a wide range of opportunities for growth and values individual expression.

What is your favourite memory of your time at Sword Venture?

The BBQ where I got to get into an inflatable boxing ring with David Ince! (I probably lost!)

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

"The only thing to fear is fear itself"; that and "never accept advice from a stranger" ...

What is your ultimate, go to gadget or app?

My Sundial in the back garden; though as I live in Scotland I can only refer to it 3 days a year ...

If you were on a desert island and you could only have three items with you, what would you choose?

A laptop, a wireless hub and a satellite phone to allow remote working (management are reading these answers; right?)

What's your favourite pastime?

I play boardgames/wargames with a few of my friends from college (a closet geek!)

Three words that best describe you:

Sarcastic; loyal; numerically dyslexic (that's four but the last one explains why!)