



**Friday, 27 April 2018**

## **FLOWTECH FLUIDPOWER PLC**

### **Group's marathon man runs three marathons in two months**

On Sunday, Flowtech Fluidpower's Tom McDermott successfully completed the 2018 London Marathon, the first of three marathons he is running within a two-month period.

Avid runner Tom, who works as the Assemblies Manager at the Group's purchasing and logistics centre based in Skelmersdale, Lancashire, has been with the Company for over fourteen years, during which time, he has witnessed close friends and family suffer and sadly lose their fight against Cancer.

After applying every year for the last five years, Tom successfully secured a place to run alongside more than 40,000 other runners in this esteemed race, paying tribute to former family and friends and raising funds for North West Cancer Research (NWCR).

The North West of England has some of the highest cancer incidence rates in the UK, with almost 45,000 people per year receiving a cancer diagnosis. NWCR is the only independent cancer research charity fighting the toughest cancers in North West England and North Wales. The charity funds local university researchers who continually make life-saving discoveries about cancer and are able to make real and tangible progress in developing new ways to diagnose, treat and prevent cancer. Whilst the NWCR charity is based in the North West, their approach is very collaborative, and any successful insight is shared with other cancer research and support organisations nationwide.

Tom completed the Marathon in 3 hours, 41 minutes, 18 seconds. Whilst 11 minutes shy of his personal best, Tom was thrilled with this result given the demanding conditions on the day as temperatures soared to 24°C. He comments, *"The conditions were really harsh. The event organisers were superb, having made provision for the additional water and refreshments required by runners. It was tough seeing people suffer with the heat. I could have completed the run in a quicker time but was sensible, keeping my goal in mind to make it to the finish line."*

The finish line was very emotional for Tom, a family man with three boys; three-year old Freddie and eighteen-month old twins Bobby and Ellis, his motivation was not only to support NWCR but also to inspire his boys to take on similar challenges in later life.

Thanks to valuable support from family, friends and colleagues, Tom smashed his fundraising target of £1,500, raising over £3,400 to date. He is still receiving sponsorship support as he prepares for his next two marathons; Rotary Shakespeare Marathon on 13 May and Liverpool Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on 20 May. He added, *"Crossing the finish line and the support I received to reach the sponsorship target has been incredible, thank you so much to everyone who's supported me and NWCR."*

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## EDITORS NOTE

### About Flowtech Fluidpower plc

Founded as Flowtech in 1983, the Flowtech Group is the UK's leading specialist supplier of technical fluid power products. business joined AiM in 2014. Today, the Group has four distinct divisions:

Division:	What we do:	Locations:
<b>Flowtechnology</b>	focus on supplying distributors and resellers of industrial MRO products, primarily serving urgent orders rather than bulk offerings. It offers an unrivalled range of OEM and Exclusive Brand products to over 3,400 distributors and resellers. The catalogue is recognised as the definitive source for fluid power products, containing 100,000 individual product lines and are distributed to more than 80,000 industrial MRO end users.	Flowtechnology Benelux (Deventer) Flowtechnology China (Guangzhou) Flowtechnology UK (Skelmersdale) Indequip (Skelmersdale) Beaumanor (Leicester)
<b>Power Motion Control (PMC)</b>	Specialise in the design, assembly and supply of engineering components and hydraulic systems and is further enhanced by a service and repair function.	Primary Fluid Power (Knowsley) Nelson Fluid Power (Dublin, Lisburn, Dungannon) TSL (West Yorkshire) Albroco (Knowsley) HTL (Ludlow) Hi-Power Hydraulics (Cork, Dublin, Belfast Manchester) Hydroflex (Brussels, Rotterdam and OudBeijerland) Hydraulic Equipment Supermarkets (Gloucester, Leeds, Birmingham, Durham) Branch Hydraulic Systems (Gloucester) HES Tractec (Gloucester) HES Automatec (Gloucester) HES Lubemec (Gloucester) Derek Lane & Co (Newton Abbot, Devon)
<b>Process</b>	Focus on the supply of industrial components and solutions to the process sectors.	Hydravalve (Willenhall) Orange County (Spennymoor)
<b>Onsite Services</b>	In 2018, the Group will extend its service offering to include Onsite Technical Maintenance through highly skilled engineers.	HES Onsite (Durham, Leeds, Birmingham, Gloucester)

All four of the Group's divisions have overlapping product sets, allowing procurement synergies to be maximised.

The above divisions are supported by a centralised back office team at the Skelmersdale site and a procurement and quality control team in Shanghai. In total, the business employs over 550 people. For more information please visit, [www.flowtechfluidpower.com](http://www.flowtechfluidpower.com)



Finishing with his medal, Tom McDermott, Assemblies Manager at the Group's purchasing and logistics centre based in Skelmersdale, Lancashire



Tom with his medal back at work in Skelmersdale