



Profile portrait

Performance Lead

Name: **Brendan Cairns**

Age: **40**

Joined Maersk Drilling: **2018**

Experience: **450+ learnings implemented on
Maersk Venturer**



Background and experience:

- Graduated from law school before training in the discipline of continuous improvement.
- Developed compliance and improvement systems for major customers in oil and gas, aerospace, defence and transport.
- Became Continuous Improvement Coach at specialist offshore consultancy.
- Worked across North Sea, West Africa and Australia with a range of operators.
- Qualified Level 4 IWCF Well Control and post graduate diploma in Petroleum Engineering.

What I believe makes Maersk Drilling different

We're genuinely light years ahead of other contractors in how we approach an operation. It's not the traditional 'here's the rig, here's the rate, tell us what to do' attitude. We're true partners for our customers – and we have some of the most modern drilling equipment in the world.

What my role really involves

It's all about working with the customer to

understand the challenges they face in their operation and taking genuinely innovative steps to deliver solutions. I'm the customer's trusted advisor, an advocate and constant focal point for the process of improvement.

That role extends well beyond Maersk operations on the rig. We're completely integrated in supporting the customer and the numerous service contractors onboard, which is almost unheard of. [Continued →](#)

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Performance Leads establish a vital link between your teams onshore and our teams offshore

The single most important part of my role

For me it's communication. By communicating, showing an interest and building mutual respect it's possible to engage everyone on board. 220 experts in their chosen field can provide a formidable source of problem solving and innovation. My job is to nurture that potential and make sure the great ideas are delivered.

The most enjoyable aspect of my role

For me it has to be the people. With a crew made up of 22 different nationalities, and personnel changing on a daily basis, it always amazes me how we're able to work together and safely deliver complex drilling operations. It makes for a great working environment and it's also fun hearing stories of people's home life – from Accra to Aberdeen, Conakry to Copenhagen, Lagos to Louisiana. We have a One Team philosophy.

My proudest moment at Maersk Drilling

The team on Maersk Venturer recently delivered a sequence of eight back-to-back completions in West Africa. We captured and implemented more than 450 lessons learned. In an industry where time is money that equates to an estimated 350+ hours of operational time saved across a 12 month period.



How would I sum up my role in 3 words?

Better every time.

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