

Tom Cross's Parkmead 'intensively' looking at acquisition deals

Aberdeen firm hails progress in North Sea and Netherlands as revenue jumps

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Scottish oil and gas firm [Parkmead](#) today said it was “working intensively” to assess acquisitions to fuel further growth after seeing revenues rise by 70 per cent last year. The Aberdeen-based group headed by industry veteran Tom Cross also hinted it may be looking to diversify from its core oil and gas interests. Although Cross said

the deals it was looking at were “primarily energy-related” he also said they include “wider opportunities, which could broaden and enhance the group's asset base and revenue stream”.

The update came as it announced annual results showing **turnover increased by 70%** to £7 million in the year to 30 June. Gross profits more than trebled to £4.06m but increased exploration and administrative expenses led to operating losses rising to £5.3m from £3.8m.

Shares in Parkmead rose by more than 4 per cent in early trading on the stock market this morning.

Executive chairman Cross said the increase in revenues had been underpinned by increased gas production in the Netherlands which he said had created a “strong foundation from which to build momentum”.

Production at the Diever West gas field in the Netherlands reached a record high during the year, equivalent to approximately 9,787 barrels of oil equivalent per day.

Cross also highlighted progress on its interests in the Greater Perth Area project in the North Sea.

“By increasing our stake in the Perth and Dolphin oil fields, Parkmead's oil and gas reserves have grown by some 67%. The group is in discussions with leading, international service companies and oil companies in relation to driving forward the Greater Perth Area project.”

Cross said the company was in a strong financial position being debt-free with cash balances of £23.8 million at the end of the year and its low-cost Netherlands gas production providing positive cash flow.

“As we move towards 2019, Parkmead maintains its appetite for acquisitions and is looking carefully at a number of opportunities,” he said.

“We will also continue to add shareholder value through a dynamic work programme to maximise the inherent value in our existing assets. The group has built a strong platform from which to grow and we look forward to updating shareholders as we make further progress.”