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*What attracted you to PGS?*

I wanted to experience something new, improve my English skills, and work with people from different cultures. I also wanted the potential to work offshore. I got an offer from another seismic company, but I really liked the PGS focus on people and development, plus they offered more responsibility than other companies. I have already had some meetings with clients and presented my own results. I don't think I would have the same opportunity with a French company.

As a graduate, I wanted to work with the newest and most advanced technology, and the PGS Ramform fleet and GeoStreamer technology definitely give that. In addition, PGS has great career opportunities.

PGS has a regular cooperation with my school, and I was lucky enough to get an internship. I worked in the imaging and engineering team in Oslo and produced a report called 'Acoustic forward-modelling of sound pressure levels from air gun signals.'

*What kind of tasks take up most of your time?*

I started my offshore training in October and was working in November. I work on a shift rotation: five weeks on/ five weeks off. Mostly my work consists of checking the quality of the seismic data that we acquire. I work closely



with a supervisor. One of the great benefits about working offshore is that you get to try out many things onboard. So my experience is wider than just my specific role. Onboard a seismic ship we all work very closely together and I think it's important to have an understanding of all the tasks.

During the training period I have compulsory practical exercises and several video courses with an exam at the end that I have to complete.

*Where do you see yourself in 10 years?*

Ten years is a long time! I see myself working offshore for maybe about five years, and then I need to evaluate my career. I would very much like to work with research in PGS, and I think my offshore experience will be of great value to me. It's good to know the value chain and understand how to read data. I would very much like to work at the head office in Oslo, as I really like the city. There are great possibilities for hiking and outdoor activities, and a nice work/life balance.