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Integrated Operations Limited launched

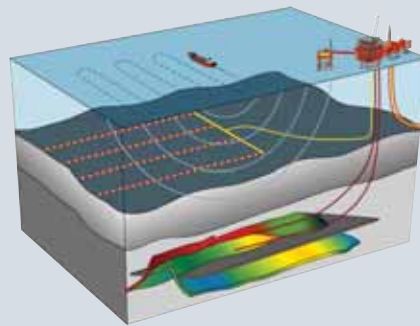
A new SLP subsidiary 'Integrated Operations Limited' (IOL) was officially launched last month at Offshore Europe in Aberdeen.



IOL is a joint venture between Facillium AS of Norway and SLP Engineering Limited offering integrated operations and e-field solutions to the oilfield and energy industries.

This includes permanent 4D seismic systems (LOFs), minimum facilities field development (low and unmanned remote operated) and fibre optic and radio link communication systems (in-field, intra-field and field to shore).

IOL's, Bill Nicholson said: 'IOL draws on considerable experience and skill sets of its two main partners.



We offer a flexible range of business packages and provide reservoir surveillance systems at locations around the world'. ■

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Ensign template designed



As part of the "Project Development" support provided by SLP to Venture Production PLC, SLP were requested to supply a drilling template to assist with the development of the Ensign Field.



2-slot Drilling Template Ready for Transportation

To keep the development options open whilst an additional appraisal well is drilled SLP engaged Norwich based UWG,

to design the template. This was supported by their knowledge of the drilling requirements utilising information provided by SLP for the SeaHarvester jacket.

The template was completed on schedule and a team from UWG, with specialist installation equipment including gyroscopes, bulls eyes and sub-sea cameras, mobilised the Drilling Rig, Julia Robertson, to successfully complete the installation on 6th September 2007. The drilling activities are now progressing and are scheduled to be completed in

December 2007 when the development options for Ensign will be evaluated. ■



2-slot Drilling Template Being Installed by the Drilling Rig. The template has a video camera so the position can be confirmed.

AGIP barges sail away



SLP has successfully completed the outstanding construction and commissioning work on the two accommodation barges for AGIP KCO Kashagan. The two barges sailed out on 8th and 14th July respectively.

Document packages have been completed and final as-built drawings are now progressing to conclude the contracted work scope. The sail out from Lowestoft marked the start of a long sea and river journey to the Caspian Sea. ■



One of the Two AGIP Barges Leaving Lowestoft

Maersk project update



The Four Maersk Modules on the Lowestoft Yard



The Maersk accommodation modules are beginning to form an impressive backdrop against Lowestoft's skyline.

Attracting much attention from local residents, the topsides continue to progress well with the largest 1691 tonne, 118 person BF Platform now into mechanical completion and commissioning.

The 89 person GC platform follows closely behind.

The construction of the smaller EF and CF platforms are also well underway. The top deck section of CF is currently being installed using SLP's heavy lift cranes. The first of the transportation barges - 'AMT Discoverer' has arrived at SLP's quay-side

in Lowestoft with load out of BF topsides scheduled for November 5th.

In SLP's Qatar construction facility the fabrication of the platform jackets continues to make good progress together with the associated bridges that link the platforms together.

Both Maersk Oil & Gas and SLP acknowledge the tremendous achievement over the past twelve months and look forward to the next milestone; installation, early in 2008. ■

BP Project Update

The BP Valhall Re-Development Project (VRD) is progressing well. Design is ahead of schedule and the first material requisitions have been raised and issued. Material deliveries have commenced with the first sections of steel delivered to site.



Fabrication is due to commence on the 18th October with the first sections being cut for the Low Voltage LER module.

Safety in the workplace is the top priority for SLP and BP during the execution of the Valhall project. SLP's Safety Management system has been reviewed by BP and is up to the stringent requirements of the project. BP will also introduce SOC; Safety Observation Conversations, questioning people on the jobs they are performing.

The project was rolled out at the first 'all hands' meeting held on the 27th September at the Marina Theatre in Lowestoft. ■



The BP Project Team

Wind farm proposal near Hemsby



SLP Energy has now submitted a planning application for a 4 turbine wind farm near Hemsby, Norfolk.

The proposal consists of four wind turbines and associated infrastructure, located on agricultural land around the disused meteorological station, between the villages of Hemsby and Ormesby St Margaret in Norfolk.

Each turbine is proposed to have a maximum generating capacity of 2.5 Mega Watts. They would have a hub height of up to 80 metres and a rotor diameter up to 90 metres, giving a maximum height to the blade tip of 125 metres.

The environmental assessments found that the project would not have any significant environmental effects.

The application is being considered by Great Yarmouth Borough Council and a decision is expected by December 2007.

SLP's Energy onshore team is currently researching numerous sites throughout the UK. ■

Skills for Energy



David Edwards is the current chairman for the Skills for Energy Partnership. This partnership brings

people wanting to increase their capability or change industries. Having the skills and the security of supply is part of the economic development of our region". ■

together all the key players in skills development across the energy sector for the East of England. Its purpose is to identify, develop and deliver a programme of activity that will ensure that the skilled individuals needed by the energy industry over the coming years are available, suitably trained and are ready to deploy.

"The initiative needs to be business driven and led" stated David, "this means our businesses buying into the concepts for apprenticeships, graduates and engineers. Their training, tuition and helping to identify what is needed and when. Helping by agreeing to employ young people and



David Edwards Presenting at the EEEgr Summer Conference

SLP Attends Offshore Europe 2007



SLP exhibited at 'Offshore Europe 2007' last month, which is one of the oil & gas industry's most

prestigious events. Held every second year, this event provides businesses with a platform to explore new business opportunities, meet new and existing clients and to develop relationships within the industry.



This year's event held at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC) took place between the 4th and 7th of September. Representing SLP and responsible for the organisation of SLP's stand were Russell Harper and Kerry Bradfield.

In addition, David Edwards, Dennis Clark, Brian Smith, Nick Cherbanich, Bill Nicholson and Andrew Thomson all attended the exhibition to provide support.

The exhibition was deemed a great success by all involved with senior representatives from oil companies, contractors and suppliers visiting the SLP stand.

SLP looks forward to exhibiting at the next Offshore Europe in 2009. ■

SLP welcomes new apprentices



Front Row, Left to Right; Ashly Alsop, Dale Andrews, Alex Wilson, Adrian Welsh, Damian Eastwood. Back Row, Left to Right; Jonathon Collins, Michael Hodgson, Ben Cross, Luke Edwards, James Girling, Justin Fowler, Jonny Rudd and Nathan Palmer

SLP currently has 23 apprentices and 7 improvers working on the yard. This high number demonstrates SLP's commitment to the 'Skills for Energy' initiative. This month we welcome 13 new apprentices including 4 platers, 3 pipefitters, 2 welders and 4 electricians. Their training programmes involve spending 1-2 days a week at college and time spent gaining practical experience on the SLP yard. They are all local to the area and share an ambition to be successful in the industry. ■

Apprentice wins award

Congratulations to Robert Baller, fabrication and welding apprentice, who was awarded a Student Achievement Award on Friday 15th June 2007 by Lowestoft College.



Robert was nominated for this award by SLP for his commitment to his training both at work and college. He is described as being hard working and determined and has shown good progression and excellent achievement. SLP's HR Training Officer, Jackie Galley stated 'Robert is a perfect example of what SLP expects from a trainee apprentice, an inspiration to other apprentices in the company, well done' ■

SLP charity football team triumph!

SLP's workforce put together a football team to compete in a charity football match in aid of Beach Radio's 'Help An East Coast Child' appeal and Lowestoft Football Club. Sporting fetching orange shirts sponsored by SLP, the team faced Pleasurewood Hills at Crown Meadow.

After an impressive first half with excellent saves from goalkeeper Adam Cole and superb goals from Paul Hunter SLP won the match 2-0. A total of £2850 was raised and a great night had by all! ■



Back Row: Mitch Rumsby, Shaun Bunker, Neil Hollick, Ryan Chase, Will Rodden, Mick Rodgers, David Knights, Gareth Hurn, Bob Woolnough.
Front Row: Paul Hunter, Karl Pull, Adam Cone, Les Jervis, Clint Martins, Paul Foster, Danny Sagers, Scott Cole and Ryan Bowles'

BG Energy challenge team success!



Team Members Celebrate Their Success



Congratulations to the SLP Team who entered the BG Energy Challenge on the 6th and 7th of July 2007. Out of the 32 teams that entered SLP came 8th with an impressive overall time of 9hrs 4minutes and 36seconds!

£205,000 was raised for the two charities; Sparks and Care International. ■



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