

newsline

The newsletter for The SLP Group
ISSUE 1: SEPTEMBER 2009

A Valhall Deck Lift on SLP's Lowestoft Yard

Sail Away to Offshore Europe 2009

Unveiling a new corporate image, The SLP Group is set to meet with its industry peers once again at the prestigious Offshore Europe 2009 in Aberdeen.

Held at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC) from 8th to 11th September, Offshore Europe provides companies with a dedicated platform to explore new business opportunities, meet with new and existing clients, and develop long lasting relationships within the industry.

Located in the main arena of the AECC, occupying stand 669, SLP's return to this high profile event is a symbol of its continued commitment to the energy industry.

With several projects currently underway at the Lowestoft and Tyneside yards, coupled with a new company name and logo, The SLP Group continues to maintain its place as one of the top turnkey suppliers for the offshore energy industry now and in the future.

Moving with the times: SLP gets a facelift

The new SLP Group website was launched at the beginning of September.

The former website served SLP well for the last two years. However, in this fast-paced technological age, a powerful corporate image is increasingly important and building a website with impact can do just that. The new corporate website draws on The SLP Group's four core business units to present a comprehensive and impressive reflection of SLP as an innovative and dynamic group of companies.

Developed to reflect our core capabilities and achievements, the new website is fully interactive and allows current and potential clients to remain updated on all our activities news and development plans.

Please browse through the new website for the latest SLP news and updates.

The website address is: www.slp-group.com

Inside this issue

Page 2: BP Valhall Update
E.ON Babbage Update

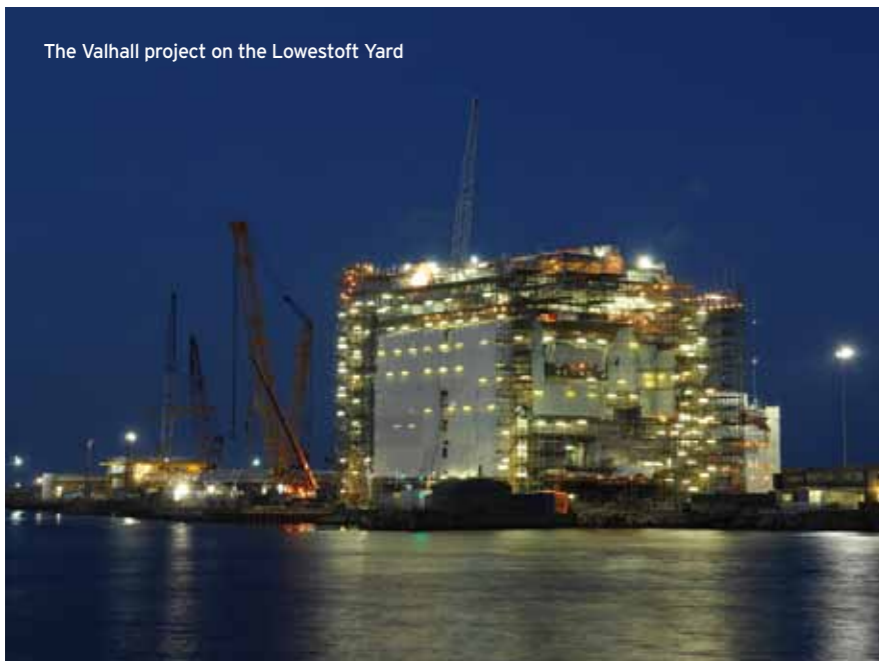
Page 3: Precast Update
Energy Update

Page 4: Apprentice Awards
Safety Stats
Achievements



The SLP Group

The Valhall project on the Lowestoft Yard



BP Valhall reaches for the sky

SLP is now three quarters of the way through the BP VRD Project - a journey that began in May 2007 and will continue through to project completion in the second quarter of 2010.

Project achievements to date include the completion and delivery of the three Local Equipment Room (LER) modules to Heerema in Holland, structural completion of the Power From Shore (PFS) module and installation of the first section of level nine on the Living Quarters (LQ).

The Valhall LQ is an impressive structure set against the shoreline of SLP's Lowestoft facility. Standing a total of nine storeys high, the next stage involves lifting the helihangar and helideck. All 180 cabins are complete and are being stored in Finland until required for installation. Over 1,400,000 man hours have been completed on the project, with a safety record that has been recognised by all partners as 'world-class'. Focus on the completion of systems and the commissioning activities continue to ensure that the module is 100% complete for sailaway in 2010.

Babbage Platform enters final completion phase

Images from left to right:

- 1. The Babbage Jackets at Heerema's Yard
- 2. The Babbage topside at SLP's Tyneside Yard



The SLP Group is proud to be working with E.ON Ruhrgas UK to construct the Babbage wellhead and production platform on an EPC basis, which is due to be installed in the Southern North Sea later this year. Its purpose is to extract gas for the UK market via a pipeline link into the BP system.

- The wellhead process platform includes a 30 man accommodation unit and deck space to support the well clean-up following drill rig departure.
- The topsides will have a lift weight of approximately 2000 tonnes and the jacket is approximately 1800 tonnes with 1000 tonnes of piles.

The project team is based in four locations - Lowestoft, New Malden, Tyneside and Vlissingen - and is now in the final completion phase with full focus to achieve sailaway in early September.

Since the contract award in May 2008, the project management team based in Lowestoft has successfully completed the design of the topsides, undertaken procurement activities and coordinated deliveries to SLP's Tyneside yard. Fabrication subsequently commenced in February 2009.

Having worked hard to meet the challenges of an extremely aggressive completion schedule, The Tyneside team are on target to achieve what will be the first SLP project to be completed at its Tyneside facility.

Precast Project Wins Award



General Manager, John Edwards being presented the project award by Graham Moorfield from British Precast.

The SLP Group's Civils & Infrastructure division continues to deliver precast units to the Blackpool and Wyre sea defence projects, both of which are due for completion in early 2010.

Whilst the main casting operations for these projects are complete and the contracts are being closed out, there is still a large amount of work yet to be awarded. SLP have been nominated as the preferred contractor to win the work with an estimated value of approximately £2-3million.

Both projects have been a milestone achievement for SLP, with the Wyre Project winning the 2009 Civils Project Award for 'The Best Precast Project' in the UK. Furthermore, the Civils & Infrastructure team are diversifying by adding new capabilities to their coastal defence schemes.

Finally, having been nominated the preferred 'precaster' for a new detention facility being built in the Midlands, it goes without saying that SLP is going from strength to strength. The contract is set to be awarded in September 2009 with the project running through to 2011.

Blackpool Sea Defences



Thanet project progressing well

SLP's work is progressing well on the design, fabrication and supply of the offshore substation for the Thanet Offshore Wind Farm project. Contracted by Siemens Transmission and Distribution Ltd, the Thanet substation will finally be located in the centre of the wind farm approximately 11km offshore from Foreness Point, which is on the eastern most part of the Kent coastline, in water depths of approximately 24m.

The Thanet Wind Farm will have a maximum output of 300MW supplied from the one hundred Vestas V90 3MW Wind Turbine Generators. The offshore substation is a three deck platform structure comprising a cellar deck, main deck and weather deck. The cellar deck houses the control room with ancillary and control equipment, ten 33kV import, two 132 kV export cables and an emergency refuge.

The major equipment housed on the main deck includes transformer trains, coolers, switchgear and a diesel generator. There is also a fire suppression room and store. The roof deck is equipped with a 4 tonne SWL capacity crane, meteorological mast and a helihoist location.

The 1250 tonne substation structure is expected to be loaded out from SLP's Lowestoft facility in early 2010.



Thanet substation structure

For the love of safety

Over the past year SLP's Lowestoft and Tyneside yards have become increasingly busy with a number of large international projects. Throughout this period, SLP's safety culture and HSE philosophy has strengthened.

At The SLP Group the safety of our staff is of paramount importance. From over 500,000 man hours recorded in 2009 across all SLP's facilities, only 2 Lost Time Incidents have been reported to date. This is a commendable achievement.

SLP's target is to achieve 'zero harm to people in all incident categories'. We must therefore, continue the hard work already in progress and help reduce workplace accidents by use of positive safe working methods, implementation of effective risk assessments, general care and attention and, the continual use of Safety Observation Scheme System.

The table below shows the site safety results to date for 2009:

	Low	Precast	Tyneside
Fatal	0	0	0
Lost Time	0	0	2
Non Injurious	16	4	0
Near Miss	29	1	7
Medical Treatment	0	0	1
First Aid	32	2	37



Apprenticeship Scheme Wins Award

SLP's former Head of HR, Chris Gibson and HR / Training Officer Jackie Galley receiving the award from Caroline Neville, Regional Director, LSC East of England.

The SLP Group proved to be a cut above the rest by receiving a Highly Commended Award at the East of England Apprenticeship Awards 2009. The title was awarded by the Learning Skills Council in the Large Employer Category. As part of the same event, SLP also took pride in being judged one of the top three companies in the East of England region.

"SLP are delighted with this award as it signifies our commitment to providing skills for life training for our tradesmen", said Jackie Galley, HR Training Officer. "They are our building blocks going forward and we encourage each of them to develop future careers within the company."

SLP began its current apprenticeship scheme over twenty years ago and have offered training to 90

apprentices, out of which 85 successfully completed their course making our success rate 94% as compared to a national average of 49%. This is a record of which SLP and its training provider Lowestoft College are justifiably proud.

The importance of our scheme is to maintain a healthy supply of fully trained tradesmen to replace those employees who started their Oil and Gas careers when the North Sea first went into production during the 1960's. SLP are committed to 'keeping the ball rolling' by getting some fresh talent and real operational experience into the industry.

SLP currently has 42 apprentices in training, covering the disciplines of Electrician, Plater, Pipefitter and Welder.

Vince Swift Retires



After 33 years of dedicated service with SLP, Vince Swift retired on his 60th birthday.

During his time at SLP, Vince worked on many projects in the UK, abroad and offshore, before taking on his permanent position at SLP's Civils & Infrastructure division in Blackpool. He was instrumental in building our new facility in Thornton and turning it into a first class operation.

In appreciation of Vince's service, SLP Civils & Infrastructure General Manager, John Edwards stated, "Vince was not only a colleague, but a great friend and supporter. We wish him and Margaret all very the best for a long and happy retirement."

The SLP Group

Commercial Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 2TE

Tel: 01502 587322 Fax: 01502 585525

www.slp-group.com

info@slp-group.com



newsline

The newsletter for The SLP Group
ISSUE 1 : SEPTEMBER 2009

SLP and SLP Group are trading names of SLP Production Limited. SLP Energy is a trading name of Sea & Land Power and Energy Limited. SLP Production Limited is registered in England under company number 06390883. The registered office is Commercial Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 2TE.