





## **Amrumbank West Project on Course**

E.On's construction of Amrumbank West wind farm in the North Sea reached an important milestone. The offshore transformer station is now in place. The largest single technical component of the project weighs approximately 3,000t. It consists of a foundation anchored to the seafloor and a topside structure housing transformers and electrical

switching equipment. The transformer station will be operated from the wind farm's service station on Helgoland. Earlier this year DBR Generatorsets successfully completed commissioning and start-up of its custom-built auxiliary power package for the Amrumbank West wind farm substation.



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### **Support at Costa Concordia**



Heavy lift crane barge Conquest MB1 will install sponsons on the Costa Concordia. For this project the Conquest is outfitted with an operational 6-point mooring system from ACE and accommodation modules suitable for 60 persons from Holland Accommodation Rentals. Furthermore a full air-range diving spread has been arranged on board and the diver teams involved in the installation of the sponsons will operate from the barge.

### **Subsea Lifting Applications**



Due to a growing focus on safety related to subsea lifting operations, DNV GL has established a Joint Industry Project to develop practical methods for reducing the risks and lifetime cost of steel wire ropes for subsea lifting applications. Fourteen industry players have already signed up. The new methods for integrity management of steel wire ropes will form the basis for documentation of the safety and reliability of integrated systems according to DNV-OS-E407, throughout the service life of the rope until it is duly discarded.

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## Re-instating the MV Transshelf



Van der Vlist recently received an order to coordinate the receipt of eight substructures and eight grillage elements in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The substructures, weighing between 200 and 220t per unit, are used as jacking system on the vessel MV Transshelf to help place big oil platforms on their final position offshore. The platform was delivered to Nigeria for Total E&P's project Ofon Phase 2, after which the Dockwise vessel returned with the equipment to Rotterdam where it was prepared and re-instated to a clean condition in order to get the ship ready for another job.

#### **PD Ports Welcomes McDermott**

McDermott has taken an option on a site to operate as a pipe spool base at the Port of Hartlepool which is owned and operated by PD Ports. The site at Hartlepool, of approximately 30 acres, will allow McDermott to assemble long pipe stalks that will be spooled to their pipe-laying vessel for offshore oil and gas work. The facility, which is expected to be fully operational in 2015, will form an important part of McDermott's portfolio enabling them to expand into new markets.



### Joining Heinen & Hopman

HVAC specialists Heinen & Hopman have announced a merger that takes them a step closer in their ambitions of



expanding a global network. Gulf of Mexico-based LeBlanc & Associates will bring access to a wider market, both geographically and in terms of sectors. The subsidiary will continue to operate under the name LeBlanc &

Associates LLC as part of the Heinen & Hopman Group.

## **New CEO for Decom North Sea**

The Board of Directors at Decom North Sea (DNS) announced the appointment of a new CEO to lead the organisation as it further strengthens its position as the representative body for the decommissioning industry. Nigel Jenkins will take up the post on 1 July and replaces Brian Nixon, who is retiring after playing an instrumental

role in establishing DNS as the voice of the decommissioning sector.



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## **Kaombo Subsea Contract**

The consortium comprising Heerema Marine Contractors and Technip, was awarded a major lump-sum contract by Total E&P Angola for the engineering, procurement, construction, installation and pre-commissioning for the SURF part of the Kaombo project, located in Block 32 offshore Angola in water depths up to 2,000m. Another consortium composed of Angoflex and DUCO, will provide the engineering, procurement and fabrication of 120km of umbilicals, the majority of which will be manufactured at the Angoflex facility in Lobito, Angola. The project will be one of the largest umbilical project to be manufactured in Lobito following a major expansion of the plant capabilities in 2012.



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## **Luchterduinen Export Cable Installation**

Cabling specialist VSMC will install and bury a 25km long export cable for the Eneco Luchterduinen wind farm in the Dutch North Sea, 23km off the coast between Noordwijk and Zandvoort. VSMC, the joint venture of VolkerWessels and Boskalis, has been awarded the contract by EPC contractor Van Oord Offshore Wind Projects. The project will be executed in September of this year using the in-house developed burial tool the Trenchformer and the newly built cable-laying vessel Ndurance.



## **Deep Helder Launched at De Hoop**



SeaMar's Deep Helder was launched on 23 April from De Hoop's Foxhol yard to the sounds of a shanty choir. The 65m DP2 vessel has been chartered by DeepOcean who will operate her for survey, IMR and trenching projects in oil and gas and renewable markets. She is designed to comply with high environmental and comfort standards for up to 52 on board personnel. Deep Helder is to be equipped with an offshore crane, survey and ROV system. DeepOcean have selected Saab Seaeye's new Leopard ROV. Rick Green, Regional Manager Netherlands at DeepOcean: "For our application the Leopard gives us the equivalent capability of a much larger hydraulic work class vehicle – and its eleven thrusters means it can handle strong currents - and that's important to us."



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