

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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