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Aquatic to mobilise carousel for Bibby Offshore's Eastern Trough Area Project (ETAP) redevelopment project for BP

Aquatic Engineering & Construction Ltd, an Acteon company, is subcontracted to Bibby Offshore Limited to replace subsea infrastructure in the Central North Sea as part of BP's \$1billion Eastern Trough Area Project (ETAP) Life Extension Project.

Aquatic will deploy its carousel system to install 35 kilometres of umbilical ensuring electrical control capability between ETAP's central processing facility and the Machar field.

The umbilical lay campaign is scheduled to commence in June and is expected to last approximately 30 days. This is the first phase of Bibby's five vessel campaign, involving trenching, structure and riser installation followed by electrical diagnostics and commissioning works. Aquatic has also been subcontracted to provide lay equipment and personnel for the riser installation campaign in September of this year.

ETAP, located 240 kilometres east of Aberdeen, is one of the largest and most complex developments in the North Sea, comprising nine oil and gas reservoirs, six of which are operated by BP. The ETAP Life Extension Project (ELXP) will help secure the future of the fields until 2030 and beyond.

Aquatic will be providing a team of offshore supervisors and technicians to mobilise and operate its on-deck [1,500-tonne carousel and integrated five-tonne tensioner system](#), as well as a [15-tonne two-track tensioner](#) complete with all ancillary equipment.

Our partners, James Fisher Offshore (JFO), will be providing a [20-tonne abandon and recovery winch](#) to support the operation. A key characteristic of the Aquatic-JFO alliance is that, on this occasion, the Aquatic offshore team will be managing and operating the JFO equipment, thereby optimising back deck personnel during the month-long operation. Aquatic will be the sole point of contact for the customer in supplying and managing the back deck equipment portfolio for this project.

Aquatic hosted a two-day event prior to the mobilisation, using this North Sea opportunity to bring specially invited customers, shareholders, media, partners and employees to Smith Quay in Peterhead, Scotland, to see the carousel first hand before operations commenced.

Steven Kilpatrick, Aquatic's Regional Manager for the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region, said: "Aquatic's global footprint carries our assets, equipment and people across the world.

"With Aquatic's 1,500-tonne modular carousel mobilising out of Peterhead, we decided this would be an excellent opportunity to bring together our stakeholders from across the EMEA and provide a demonstration of its capabilities and our strength in depth in the region.

"In the current economic climate, many leading oil and gas providers are taking the opportunity to reinvigorate areas of their fields that need more specialist operational support and we are engaged in a number of North Sea opportunities."

Link:

[Photographs of the event](#)

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About Aquatic

Aquatic is part of Acteon's Project Support Services area of expert capabilities, and is the market leading independent operator of modular carousels, reel drive systems and tensioner solutions for the global oil and gas, telecommunications and energy industries. Aquatic is a global partner for complete lay solutions, delivering assured, optimized project outcomes through the consistent provision of the best people, equipment, reach and approach. They are a member of DNV GL's joint industrial panel for offshore equipment used for the laying and recovery of pipes and cables. For more information, please visit www.aquaticsubsea.com.

About Acteon

Acteon provides a range of global subsea services from surveying, installation, asset integrity management through to decommissioning. Acteon's companies are: 2H Offshore, Aquatic, Clarus Subsea Integrity, Claxton Engineering, Conductor Installation Services (CIS), Core Grouting Services, InterAct, InterMoor, J2 Subsea, LDD, LM Handling, MENCK, Mirage Machines, NCS Survey, Offshore Installation Services (OIS), Probe Oil Tools, Pulse Structural Monitoring, Seatronics, Subsea Riser Products (SRP), TEAM Energy Resources and UTEC Survey. Acteon's companies share knowledge and experience to add value and create effective, tailored solutions for clients across four business segments: survey, monitoring and data; risers and moorings; seabed foundation technologies; and project support services. Learn more at www.acteon.com.

About subsea services

Acteon's aim is to define, shape and lead subsea services through best-in-class expertise offering full market coverage across the whole life of a subsea field. Acteon's integrated approach to subsea services makes it easy for clients to combine capabilities to meet their specific project needs. Acteon's subsea services companies share knowledge and experience across four business segments, survey, monitoring and data; risers and moorings; seabed foundation technologies; and project support services, to deliver highly efficient solutions tailored to a client's unique challenges, thereby reducing overall cost, risk and complexity.

Project support services

Acteon provides manpower, project execution strategies, portable machining and cutting equipment and installation and recovery services to add value and support the delivery of major projects by creating effective, tailored solutions for clients. Acteon offers specialist equipment, including riser systems, installation workover control systems, mooring systems and innovative packaged solutions to align with procurement strategies. The company provides access to the world's largest modular carousel and modular flexible pipe and universal laying equipment support along with specialist services to reduce capital expenditure and manpower provision to meet project needs worldwide.