



Better structure for customers

Axess and Axor are merging. A joint profile and joint business areas will give our customers a complete overview.

From the new year, Axess and Axor will be profiled as one joint body: Axess.

- A joint logo, joint website, joint business areas and simpler management structure will make us easier for customers to understand, says Børge Gjeldvik, Managing Director of Axess.



Børge Gjeldvik

Business areas

Services offered by Axess are now divided into two business areas:

- Inspection & Integrity Management
- Engineering & Construction

Management structure

Thomas Vekve leads Inspection & Integrity Management and Jan Ove Stenløs leads Engineering & Construction. Both have their own management group and a number of highly-skilled professionals.



Thomas Vekve

- Our customers will notice the reorganisation in that the skills available within Axess will be even better coordinated. This will provide better quality and cost reduction for those who use our services, says Gjeldvik.



Jan Ove Stenløs

Quality through and through

We have always been able to offer a high level of skills in running complex projects, but we will now be even stronger when delivering services that demand coordination of many different areas of specialism. It will be easier for our customers to relate to who is the

supplier and they will be able to feel certain that Axess is supplying quality in every part of the operation.

AxComp

Axess skills-development centre, AxComp, will be further strengthened as a result of the reorganisation.

- We are focusing firmly on developing expertise. We aim to be outstanding as a leading top-skills base in every aspect of our work. AxComp will have a key role in this work. The skills-development centre will deliver courses and training to all our employees in Molde, Orkanger, Kristiansund, Trondheim and Rio, says Gjeldvik.

Expert teams

Our employees will see the effects of the reorganisation in that more tasks will be carried out in highly-skilled inter-disciplinary teams drawn from across our departments. Our customers will benefit from this by receiving the very best solutions.



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Goal

Our goal is to supply the right quality of work at the right time and at the right price, with no damage. It is only through this kind of quality awareness that Axess can achieve its growth targets. We look forward to future cooperation with our customers in 2010 and will play our part to attain high customer satisfaction.

See www.axess.no for more information about the organisation of our business areas.

ISO 14001 certification

- Our customers should feel completely confident that Axess maintains a high environmental standard, says Maj-Lis Larsen Espeland, who is in charge of HSE in Axess.

For this reason, ISO 14001 certification is important to us. By means of this certification our customers know that environmental standards in Axess are subject to external control.



Maj-Lis Larsen Espeland

Achieved

ISO 14001 certification of Axess was achieved in Autumn 2009.

- We have chosen to view our environment-management system as an integral part of our health, safety and environment and quality management system. A great deal was already in place in our existing systems in respect of document management, but we needed to spend time on documenting and ordering environmental aspects. This has now been done and the certification is in place, says Larsen Espeland.

Further information

See www.axess.no/hseq for further information about ISO 14001.

Axess delivers Inspection & Integrity Management and Engineering & Construction to the energy and offshore industry.

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Profitable crane modifications

Less down-time, lot of structural rest capacity, and simpler implementation in comparison with replacement of lifting equipment makes crane modifications a profitable solution.

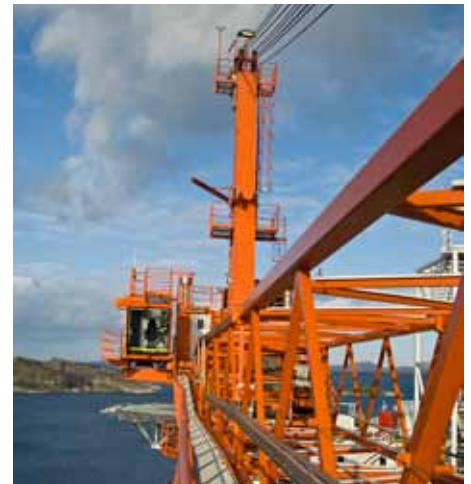
Steinung Nymo was recently appointed leader of the crane group in Axess. Axess provides maintenance and modification of cranes and has available expertise in all important crane disciplines: hydraulics, mechanics, electro and automation.

Profitable

- In many cases, crane modifications are very profitable as opposed to replacing the lifting equipment. In such a process we initially assess the possibility for modification and calculate to what extent this will be profitable for the customer. We then present the result and may quote a modification tailored for the customers need and wishes, says Nymo.

Technology and regulations

Axess will then perform the modification. Existing equipment is upgraded with



future-proof technology and in line with new regulations.

Expertise

The crane group in Axess has five dedicated employees who are highly skilled in this area. In addition our cooperation between our departments and groups equip us with a unique amount of experience, knowledge and capacity for performing this kind of work. Read more about the crane group on www.axess.no

Complex job on the West Navigator



The ability to combine a broad spectre of different skills was an important criterion for success when Axess completed a number of commissions for West Navigator.

As many as thirty Axess employees were involved in our work on class inspections, classification and re-certification of lifting equipment and on-board inspection on West Navigator in Autumn 2009.

Customer in focus

This project was a major and demanding one, which was carried out in dry dock. It is very important to Axess that the customer's expectations are met in this type of work.

- The work on board West Navigator went very well. Everything was carried out within agreed time scales and there were no issues or serious deviations. This is the standard we expect for this type of project, both in terms of quality assurance and of health, safety and environment. Our customers should feel confident that Axess is a capable supplier of complex and multi-faceted services, says Stig Brudeseth, QA Manager for Axess.

Axess in Brazil

Axess has recently established an office in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The aim is to supply inspection & integrity management services to the local offshore and energy industries.

We are currently providing our drilling and FPSO customers in Brazil with:

- Inspection and maintenance management
- Drilling and lifting equipment certification
- DROPS and structure inspection
- Fabrication inspection
- NDT and rope access services

Two of the first hires for Axess do Brasil have just been in Norway to complete their introductory company training. During this stay they also participated in a yard stay on the Seadrill's West Venture. Now they have joined the rest of the Brazil team in ramping up operations. As we move to further expand our presence in this important market, our intention is to rely heavily on local hires while also drawing on the experience of employees from abroad to ensure a consistent portfolio of services. For further information regarding our activities in Brazil, please contact Jan Ramberg, Axess do Brasil's Managing Director.

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