



Commissions requiring a high skills base

Axess has entered into new agreements with Statoil, Seadrill and Ocean Rig.

Statoil

Over the next four years, Axess will carry out operational inspections for Statoil at Tjeldbergodden, Norway. The job consists of developing annual inspection programmes, as well as planning and carrying out inspections of static process equipment and structures onshore: in other words, pipes, pressurised containers and tanks for process and utility plant.

Inspection is an important part of maintenance and modification work. Axess has developed into a significant player in fields such as inspection of drilling rigs, FPSOs and onshore plant.

Seadrill

Axess has had a contract with Seadrill since 2003. We are now signing a new contract with the company, which we regard as an important recognition of our skills and our qualities as a supplier. The contract has a duration of 3+1+1 years and includes inspection of cranes, lifting equipment, pipes, drilling towers and other equipment relating to Seadrill's five rigs in Europe.

Ocean Rig

The contract with Ocean Rig relates to integrity management and inspection of two drilling rigs and five drilling ships, Axess is to carry out risk-based inspection analyses, and inspections of cranes, drilling equipment, structures and pressurised systems. We will also provide advice regarding improvement of the company's systems in respect of inspection and maintenance within these technical areas. The contract has a duration of five years and is important for our international profile in that Ocean Rig operates in the Black Sea and in West Africa.

Statement of Confidence

We regard the new contracts as an important recognition. Our customers are dependent on skilled suppliers. The contracts are thus a statement of confidence that we are technically and commercially attractive.

"Axess won the contract because the company supplies highly-skilled services in the field of inspection and integrity management, holding an agreed quality, timescale and price", says Frank Tollefsen, Senior Vice President Operations, Ocean Rig.

We look forward to providing maximum performance and to proving that our customers are right.

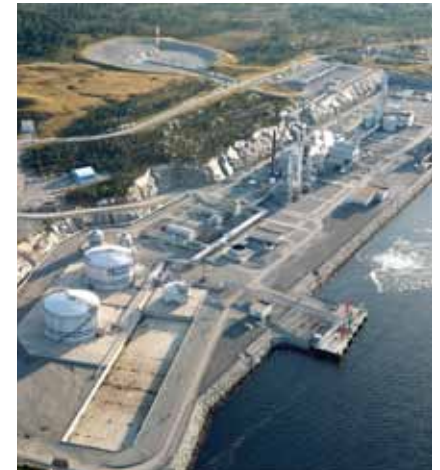


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Photo: Seadrill

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Thomas Vekve, Axess shaking hands with Frank Tollefsen, Ocean Rig to confirm the contract.



Replacement of swivel on Åsgard A



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Together with the Grenland Group, Axess is to carry out a swivel replacement on Statoil's FPSO Åsgard A. This project is an important one for all the parties involved and Axess is now working closely with Grenland Group and Statoil in the engineering phase to plan the most appropriate concept and method of execution.

More functional

The 15-20-metre-long swivel is the real heart of a FPSO. This is the part that connects the floating production ship to the static, sea-bed installation. The swivel on Åsgard A is being replaced in order to improve functionality, as well as because experience at Norne shows that corrosion can be a problem.

Good planning

This is a complex and demanding job which requires very detailed planning and good execution in order to keep down-time for Åsgard A to a minimum. The replacement is being carried out during a planned audit break from 2 June next year.

Rapid completion

Axess will have responsibility for the lifting and rigging of the heavier components and will be deploying personnel with skills in rigging and access techniques offshore for about half a year. The actual swivel replacement takes about 60 days, but as much of the work as possible will be carried out in advance.

Contact Jan Owe Stenlås for more information about what services Axess can provide during swivel replacements.

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Axess in Brazil

Nine months after establishing a subsidiary in Rio, Axess is given the opportunity to work for some of the best drilling and FPSO operators in Brazil.

Our Brazilian staff and customer portfolio is growing fast, and we will continue to invest heavily in this market, supplying inspection and engineering services to our customers.

References

We have conducted projects for several of our customers from the North Sea. The initial list of Brazilian references now include BWO, Dolphin Drilling, Prosafe Production, Seadrill, Sevan Marine, Stena Drilling and Statoil.

Improvement and safety

We will work closely with these customers to ensure that we provide the services they need in order to improve their local operations and enhance safety aboard drilling rigs, fixed installations and FPSOs. The services already offered by Axess in Brazil include inspections of cranes, lifting gear, piping and process equipment, Derrick inspection and DROPS.

Axess is committed to provide the same quality of service no matter where the customer is located.



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