

New BP Tanker Named “Alaskan Navigator”

On November 14th, the National Steel and Ship-building Company (NASSCO), a wholly owned subsidiary of General Dynamics, hosted a naming ceremony at its San Diego dock for the Alaskan Navigator, the third of four Alaska-class, double-hull oil tankers that NASSCO is building for BP Oil Shipping Company. Present for the ceremony were, from left, Thomas Nypaver, project manager for the BP Alaskan Navigator Project; Brett Reagan, executive vice president and general manager for Point Eight Power; and Shoun T. Kerbaugh, president and CEO for Alstom Power Conversion Inc. Point Eight Power of Belle Chasse, La., designed and installed the power control and distribution systems for the ship, one of the most environmentally friendly tankers ever built,



while Alstom Power Conversion provided the main propulsion system for the vessel. When completed the Alaskan Navigator will join the largest oil-industry-owned oil and natural gas shipping fleet in the world and will be operated by the Alaska Tanker Company of Portland, Oregon.

Mako Technologies To Distribute Seaeeye ROVs

Seaeeye has expanded in the US with the appointment of Mako Technologies as distributor of its ROVs in the Gulf of Mexico. Mako engineers are being trained to repair, maintain and operate Seaeeye vehicles, adding to Seaeeye's position as world leader in the number of skilled ROV pilots available to operate its systems. Depot stocks of spares will be held in Morgan City, Louisiana, to support Mako sales and their own rental pool operations, along with offering support to other Seaeeye customers and distributors across America who will benefit from access to additional repair and stockholding facilities. The deal follows deliveries to Mako of two Seaeeye Falcons

in November and the planned delivery of a Seaeeye Lynx ROV for its rental pool in February with further systems now being discussed. The suite of vehicles brings to Mako's fleet some of the most reliable and advanced technological features available in ROV operation today. The company has already sold more electric powered ROVs to the offshore industry than any other company since its formation in 1987 and this new commitment to support customers, operations in the United States is forecast to generate further growth in the company's international business.

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Subsea 7 Announces Recent Awards

Subsea 7's Integrated Remote Technologies (IRT) division announced the award of two contracts covering remotely operated vehicle (ROV) services for Statoil. One contract covers ROV services onboard the Visund FPDU with an option for similar services onboard Snorre A and Snorre B. The other contract is a frame agreement for ROV drill support onboard rigs under contract to Statoil. The contract also covers optional ROV operations from monohull vessels.

The value of the Visund contract including the optional extensions is in the region of U.S. \$30M while the value of the rig support contract, which will depend on the volume of work called off, is anticipated to exceed U.S. \$55M.

Both contracts began recently and are firm until 31st December 2008 with three separate two year options thereafter i.e. potentially until the end of December 2014. Subsea 7 will perform a variety of ROV services under these contracts including regular drill support, well completions, operation of a variety of tooling as required for inspection, maintenance & repair, pull-in and connection of flowlines and umbilicals, as well as numerous other operations potentially requiring new tooling development.

Subsea 7's IRT Vice President Bill Boyle commented: "In addition to the ROV

operations part of the contract we see these contracts as possible channels for increased activity within the Technical Solutions Group which is a dedicated group within the IRT division that undertakes advanced tooling development and autonomous underwater vehicle development, and designs and builds ROV systems and a variety of other specialized underwater equipment."

Subsea 7 also announced a contract award valued in the region of U.S. \$6.8M by Allseas for the Woodside Otway Gas Project, located in the Bass Straits offshore Australia in water depths of approximately 100 meters.

The scope of work involved in the contract is for the metrology and installation of the 20" Duplex and 4" MEG tie-in spools, PCM cable, including supply and installation of stabilization mattresses and leak testing of the pipeline from shore end to the offshore Thylacine platform.

The project will commence early in 2006 and will utilize Subsea 7's multipurpose support vessel Rockwater 2.

Subsea 7's Vice President, Asia Pacific, Martin Ridley said, "We are pleased to be taking part in this project with Allseas, and look forward to achieving the successful completion of the project together".

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Vetco Gray Awarded Stybarrow Subsea Project

BHP Billiton has selected Vetco Gray to deliver the Subsea Production Systems for Stybarrow Development in Western Australia. Vetco Gray will supply Horizontal Christmas Trees, Multiplexed Electro-Hydraulic Production Controls and distribution equipment, Remote Connection Systems, and installation tooling and services to BHP Billiton.

"We are very pleased to have been awarded this project", says Peter Goode, President and CEO of Vetco International Ltd. "We continue to increase our capabilities to execute projects in Australia and Stybarrow is an excellent fit with our strat-

egy. We see a great future for subsea developments in the region and are committed to invest to meet this demand."

The Stybarrow project is located in the Exmouth Sub-basin, Western Australia. The development will be five production and three water injection wells, and one Gas injection well. Vetco will execute the overall project out of its Singapore facility, with subsea systems support from centers of excellence in Nailsea, UK & Billingstad, Norway.

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