

Technip celebrates Malay milestone

The Paris-listed Technip has been awarded a flexible pipe supply contract for China National Offshore Oil Corporation's (CNOOC) Lufeng 13-1/13-2 oil fields, located in the South China Sea.

Technip's operating centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, will execute the contract, which includes the engineering and supply of a six-inch riser, a mid water arch and a six-inch flowline.

Manufacturing of the flexible pipes will commence in the third quarter of 2010 after completion of the factory qualification trials. Delivery is planned for February 2011.

This award marks an important milestone for Technip, as it will be the first

contract for commercial manufacture in its new flexible pipe plant, Asiaflex Products, located in the Tanjung Langsat industrial complex in Malaysia.

Built to cater to the expanding Asia Pacific market and growing demand for deepwater solutions in the region, Asiaflex Products will have the capacity to produce 200 kilometres of flexible flowlines, risers and umbilicals per year. The 20-hectare site, including a dedicated 130 metre long quay and a 300 tonne crane, is being developed as a one-stop hub where manufacture of flexible pipes and umbilicals, fabrication of auxiliary equipment and mobilisation of Technip's subsea assets will be fully integrated.

With a workforce of 23,000 people, Technip is one of the leading corporations in the field of oil, gas and petrochemical engineering, construction and services. The group is headquartered in Paris and has operating centres across Europe, the USA, South American, China, India, and Australia.

In support of its activities, the group manufactures flexible pipes and umbilicals, and builds offshore platforms in its manufacturing plants and fabrication yards in France, Brazil, the UK, the USA, Finland and Angola, and has a fleet of specialised vessels for pipeline installation and subsea construction.

A.M.S gears up for 2010

With strong signs that the offshore oil and gas sector is strengthening, Perth-based offshore vessel owner and operator Australia Marine Services's A.M.S Tugs & Barges is continuing with a program to upgrade and expand its fleet.

Barges

In May 2010, A.M.S will take delivery of two brand new barges.

The A.M.S Esperance is a 250 foot, 20 tonne per square metre deck cargo ballastable tank barge, while the smaller A.M.S 1801 barge measures 180 ft and has capacity for 15t/sqm deckloading.

Being highly specialised the vessels will be engaged in a range of projects including offshore module and equipment transportations, as well as construction works as crane or work barges.

A.M.S managing director Alan Yeo



The A.M.S 23 will be delivered later this year.

said with the Gorgon project now well underway such barges would be sought after to assist in many of the project's operations.

Tugs

Due for delivery in the third quarter are two more vessels, the A.M.S Mira and the A.M.S 23.

The A.M.S Mira is a 34.5 metre, 3,200 brake horsepower Bureau Veritas-classed ocean going tug.

Yeo said the vessel would be based out of A.M.S's Dampier moorings and would compliment the service company's existing fleet, providing greater flexibility in meeting the requirements of clients.

The A.M.S 23 is a 32m 1,440 bhp shallow draft multi-cat workboat that has undergone a full deck sandblast, painting and a maintenance program to prepare it for the booming offshore sector off the

north-west coastline of Western Australia.

It has recently completed an intermediate survey with German-based classification society Germanischer Lloyd passing with no conditions attached.

Yeo said the Singapore-built vessel was specially designed to suit Australian harbour work with all conditions and work scopes taken into consideration.

"With (the) design being one-of-a-kind in the region, A.M.S looks forward to her being contracted in numerous projects around Australia," he said.

More vessels

A.M.S will take delivery of five more vessels in 2010 including the A.M.S Reventon, a 36m utility supply vessel; the A.M.S Shine, a 28m 28m shallow draft multi-cat; and the A.M.S Somnus, a 40m anchor handling tug.

Two more barges are also on order.



The A.M.S 1801 under construction in Darwin.