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NORMAND SEVEN PIPE-LAY CONVERSION

A&P Tyne Ltd, part of A&P Group, has recently completed the conversion of a new build Offshore Support Vessel into a pipe-laying vessel for Subsea 7, one of the world's leading subsea engineering and construction companies. In line with the original schedule, the 130m vessel will shortly depart for Brazil to complete a contract laying flexible pipelines to a water depth of 2,000m.



Normand Seven docking at A&P Tyne

The task for the team at A&P Tyne was to install and commission all the operational pipe-laying equipment in an aggressive timeframe – the steel structures required to support this equipment and provide a working platform were over 800te in weight alone. To achieve this deadline the vessel was carefully surveyed whilst under construction in Norway. The structures were fabricated and extensively outfitted in smaller modules prior to the vessel's arrival at A&P Tyne. This was only possible by utilising A&P's dedicated and focused project management team and extensive fabrication facility, together with the support of a number of key operational partners.

Once the vessel was in drydock the modules, weighing up to 250te each, were lifted and located onboard. The manufacturing challenge didn't end there as the prefabricated modules and the pipe-laying equipment had to be positioned with millimetre accuracy to ensure optimum performance.



Pre-outfitted module being lifted into position

During the project all parties worked together to ensure that a safe working environment was maintained. This resulted in a true safety first culture within the whole team which in turn delivered excellent project safety performance. This was especially challenging given the scale and complexity of the project and the number of simultaneous operations (ranging from construction through to commissioning) required to deliver the project.



The Normand Seven conversion well underway in the Hebburn drydock facility

Overall the success of the project is linked to the strength of the Subsea 7 and A&P Project Management teams, the true partnership approach, the manufacturing facilities and the safety first culture.

Subsea 7 Senior Project Manager, Brian Rice commented,
“A&P has demonstrated its ability to work closely with Subsea7 to ensure the delivery of the conversion as planned”



Teamwork and prior preparation pay off as the Normand Seven nears completion

A&P Tyne’s Managing Director, Dave Skentelbery said,
“This is a great example where up front planning together with an integrated approach between the client and the yard ensured a timely, safe delivery.”

Notes to Editors:

A&P Group Ltd are leading contenders of European Shiprepair, Conversion and Marine Services. Owing facilities strategically located around the UK, we are within easy access to customers operating in North West Europe. With extensive drydock, wharfage and fabrication facilities; combined with a strong project management and engineering team you can expect safe, timely and cost effective solutions from A&P. Visit us online @ www.ap-group.co.uk for further information.

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