

Global Maritime assurance services for decommissioning projects

Global Maritime urges owners and operators to think carefully about the appropriate level of assurance cover and associated services for decommissioning projects.



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Unique Risks
Removal operations in decommissioning projects cannot be thought of as a simple reverse of installation; the risks associated with these sometimes complex marine operations need to be properly understood and appropriately managed.

Some of the unique risks associated with removal operations are:

- Uncertainty over the integrity of structures
- Uncertainty over removal loads acting on structures
- Landing and seafastening items on a barge at sea
- Extent of operations that have to be completed within one weather window between safe-to-safe conditions.

Independent Assurance

Independent assurance services for removal operations usually come in the form of Marine Warranty Surveyor (MWS) for projects that are insured under a Decommissioning All Risks (DAR) policy or Independent Competent Person (ICP) where projects are self-insured.

Engagement with an assurance service provider when preparing the Project Decommissioning Programme makes risk management integral to the project from the outset. It will help to ensure that removal concepts are realistic and effective, which will often save time and unnecessary cost as plans and procedures are developed.

The benefits of third party assurance are recognised in the decommissioning industry. The DNV Recommended Practice for Marine Operations During Removal of Offshore Installations allows reduced contingency factors when compliance is verified by a third party. Also DAR policy underwriters may offer competitive premiums to operators that engage a recognised MWS provider.

Global Maritime

Global Maritime provides fully independent assurance and advisory services for decommissioning projects. We have a history of involvement stretching back over 20 years ranging from removal of subsea templates through to 10,000t topsides.

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Decommissioning in design of subsea installations

The costs associated with decommissioning assets are in the forefront of everyone's mind in the current low oil price environment. INTECSEA believes learning from the lessons of today can enable lifecycle cost savings for projects of the future. INTECSEA is proposing a Joint Industry Project (JIP) to identify decommissioning challenges, propose solutions and establish a standard approach for incorporating decommissioning in the design and execution phase of all future subsea projects. Currently, decommissioning platforms and subsea developments are costing operators and government millions of dollars. Significant savings can be gained during the design phase by forward planning for decommissioning. This project proposes to collate

Craig Collaboration Launches At OTC



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Craig International has launched a 'win-win' platform to help oil and gas companies off-load surplus stock worth billions of pounds and buy products and equipment they need at competitive prices.

Craig Collaboration connects companies looking to sell stock with those looking to buy. Oil and gas companies around the world have billions of pounds of surplus stock, much of it sitting in costly storage and Craig Collaboration will allow them to realise value from this.

A radical shift in procurement in the industry, Craig Collaboration represents a major investment by Craig International in an immediate, collaborative solution towards increasing efficiency. It is already gathering momentum with several major exploration and production companies expected to start using it following the launch.

Steve McHardy, joint managing director of Craig International, said: "With the oil price set to be lower for longer, the industry requires



immediate action towards achieving enhanced efficiency and cost control. We have developed a platform which the whole industry can use to buy and sell stock. Using our bespoke electronic tools, our network of buyers and our global experience, Craig Collaboration will, at no cost to industry, ensure that their products are offered to buyers looking to purchase them."

Craig Collaboration is accessed online through Craig International's bespoke SmartBuyer software. For example, if operator A, who is looking for a pump which operator B has in surplus stock, then SmartBuyer would search the inventory on Craig Collaboration, find the pump and offer it at a reduced cost to operator A.

Craig International has this year secured \$60 million in new contracts as a result of the efficiencies delivered by their e-commerce initiatives.

Mr McHardy added: "We already have the buyers looking to purchase the products and equipment that companies have in surplus stock and we have the electronic tools to ensure confidential and efficient transactions between buyers and sellers.

With our 16 years' experience, we are well-placed to offer this collaboration solution to benefit the wider industry."

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SafeVoyage offers a detailed weather forecast for the entirety of a ship's route, anywhere on the globe, aiding planning of moving equipment and personnel. It is presented in an easy-to-interpret graphical format and

includes wind and sea conditions along the route and tabulated data every three hours for significant wave height, swell details, wind and weather.

Forecast start times can be generated to inform decisions concerning the best route and departure time. Thresholds can be set and winds specified at 10m, 50m or 100m as optional. The Met Office's experienced meteorologists quality control every aspect of the SafeVoyage forecast, as well as including bespoke commentary, giving users complete confidence.

Patrick Sachon, Head of Oil and Gas, and Renewables from the Met Office commented: "In marginal situations it's vital to make decisions based on the best information possible - SafeVoyage provides reliable information to support decisions that could impact safety and efficiency. The product represents great value and is a compelling offering for the oil and gas, offshore renewable and shipping industries. What's more, it's a flexible solution and can be tailored to fit individual requirements."

www.metoffice.gov.uk/marine/safevoyage