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## A2SEA contributes to major oil & gas environmental project

A2SEA, best known for their position as the world's leading offshore Wind Turbine Installation Company, have now turned their skills to a very different type of environmental project. They have recently completed a transport and lifting operation for the Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Recovery project currently being installed at the North Sea, Teesside Oil Terminal in the UK.

The VOC recovery facility, which is being designed, installed and commissioned by Costain, is planned to collect 100% of the vapour displaced from vessels during loading of stabilised crude oil at the North Sea Petroleum Terminal. The collected vapour will then go through a process to recover non methane volatile organic compounds, significantly reducing environmental discharges of hydrocarbons.

The A2SEA vessel, SEA ENERGY was chartered by LV Shipping Ltd on behalf of Costain for the transport of four 55 tonne Pre Assembled Units from Immingham to the River Tees, and then to load four 24m high Vapour Unloading Arms, each weighing nearly 50 tonnes. The vessel had to position at each jetty and then jack-up using its unique leg stabilisation method, before lifting each component into the confined spaces available at each location.

A2SEA's UK Sales Manager, Mike Prowse explained, "The experience we have from high precision lifting of wind turbine components offshore proved invaluable in performing these intricate lifts into very confined locations, where it was critical not to damage any of the existing infrastructure. Our previous experience from working at a Statoil facility in Denmark meant that we were aware that there would be strict Health & Safety requirements for an operational petroleum terminal that we would need to comply with to ensure a safe operation. Extensive pre-planning was essential to ensure that there would be no problems during the operational phase."

Despite a continuous stream of weather systems passing through the area in December, the operation was fitted around the worst of the weather and A2SEA's installation work at all four jetties was completed within a week.

A spokesman for LV Shipping commented, "A2SEA's integration into the LV Shipping overall Planning Strategy for these operations was key to achieving a successful outcome. A2SEA performed their activities in a most professional and competent manner."

Mike Prowse added, "Although offshore installation and servicing of wind turbines remains our core business, we are now building up a strong track record and reputation for lifting work at jetties where use of land based mobile cranes is impractical. We hope that our performance on this first major VOC Project will lead to further work in this sector".

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**Notes to editors:**

A2SEA's revolutionary technology in the form of the special purpose crane vessels M/V SEA ENERGY and M/V SEA POWER has made it a world leader in offshore wind turbine installation and service work.

The approach to installing offshore wind farms pioneered by A2SEA is based on a concept of 'leg supported crane vessels'. The self-sustained vessels, approx 93 metres long by 22 metres wide, are each fitted with a 450t crane and four legs which can stabilise/support the vessel on the seabed.

1. A2SEA was established in 2000 with the objective of providing transport, installation and marine support to offshore wind farm projects.
2. A2SEA has successfully performed major marine support, installation and service tasks for all the leading wind turbine manufacturers - Vestas, Siemens/Bonus, GE Wind Energy, former NEG Micon and Nordex.
3. A2SEA offers a wide range of offshore contracting services including installation of substructure and superstructure, repair and service, turnkey meteorological mast installation and rapid crew transfer.
4. The Head Office is based in Fredericia, Denmark, with wholly owned subsidiaries in Flensburg, Germany and Chelmsford, UK.
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