

LAMPRELL DELIVERS THE FIRST SEAJACKS SELF ELEVATING, SELF PROPELLED LIFTBOAT “SEAJACKS KRAKEN”



The first of two MSC Gusto designed NG 2500X Liftboats remains on schedule for delivery at the end of February 2009 by UAE based rig specialists, Lamprell

This is the first of two self propelled, self elevating, harsh environment, new build projects currently being undertaken by the Lamprell Group at their Jebel Ali facility. Contracted to Lamprell on a ‘turnkey’ basis, the Kraken was successfully launched on schedule on the 26th November 2008 and is presently berthed at Lamprell’s Hamriya Free Port facility, whilst undergoing final test, trials and acceptance programmes.

The second unit, the Seajacks Leviathan, also remains on schedule with current construction completion progress at 68% as of mid January 2009.

Both of these jack up units have been detail designed and constructed by Lamprell to meet the strenuous north west European offshore construction standards and practices. The Seajacks Kraken will initially conduct operations off the Canadian coast with the Seajacks Leviathan initially going to work installing Wind Turbines in the southern North Sea. Both units have been conceptually

developed and designed by MSCGusto (Holland) and the units form part of their NG series, of self propelled jack ups.

Commenting on the launch, Blair Ainslie, MD of Seajacks UK Ltd, said, “The on schedule launching is yet another significant milestone in the longstanding cooperation between Lamprell Energy Ltd. and Seajacks UK Ltd. Lamprell’s track record of delivering projects on time and within budget was a deciding factor for selecting the yard for our new build program”.

The Seajacks Kraken will now undertake an intensive period of sea trials prior to handover to Seajacks in early March.

“Undertaking the immense challenges of engineering, procurement and construction of a proto-type, DP2 classed, self propelled jack-up is an achievement in itself” said Jason Pollock, the Lamprell project manager.

“Launching the first unit on time on budget and remaining on schedule for final delivery is a credit to the team work and cooperation we have with our client, Seajacks UK Ltd and to the dedication of the entire Lamprell project team”.

The second unit, the Seajacks Leviathan is scheduled for launching in late March and for delivery in the second quarter of 2009.