

**LAMPRELL DELIVERS NEWBUILD JACK UP RIG “OFFSHORE FREEDOM” TO OWNERS
SCORPION OFFSHORE**





Lamprell CEO, Nigel McCue, Scorpions Mark Mey and Cecile Paus at the Rig naming ceremony

Lamprell celebrated a double milestone yesterday, in a lavish ceremony at their new Rig Dockyard in Hamriyah Port, the UAE Rig Major delivered the newly completed Jack Up rig, “Offshore Freedom” to proud owners Scorpion Offshore. The ceremony was also the first such event to be held at Lamprell’s extensive new Hamriyah Free Zone Rig Docking and fabrication facility, north of Sharjah in the UAE.

The delivery marks the first of two LeTourneau designed Super 116E rigs that Lamprell are contracted to deliver to Scorpion Offshore. The rig has a water depth operating capability of 350 feet and can drill to a depth of 30,000 feet, with luxury quarters for 110 crew.

The rig will depart shortly to commence a four year contract with the Khafji Joint Operations (KJO) in the Arabian Gulf.



Nigel McCue officially welcomes Sheik Saud Al Qasimi

Yesterday's event was hosted by Lamprell's President Mr. Steven Lamprell, Chairman Mr. Jonathan Silver and CEO Mr. Nigel McCue for 180 specially invited guests and dignitaries including HH The Ruler of Sharjah's representative, Sheik Saud Bin Khaled Al Qasimi, Port Officials, members of the UAE and International Marine and Offshore fraternity, Lamprell and Scorpion Company executives and Project Teams and members of the local and international press and media.

Mr. Mark Mey, Executive Vice President of Scorpion Offshore, in his address, praised Lamprell's for their timely delivery and outstanding workmanship, all within the budget parameters. The Rig was then officially named by Mrs. Cecile Paus

The second Scorpion newbuild, Offshore Mischief, will be delivered from Lamprell's Hamriyah facility early in 2010.

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