

**LAMPRELL DELIVERS THEIR FIRST “NEW BUILD” JACK UP DRILLING RIG
CONSTRUCTED IN THEIR HAMRIYAH YARD**



UAE Oil & Gas Engineering and Construction Company, Lamprell Energy Ltd, saw the departure today of their first Jack Up Drilling Rig “Offshore Freedom” to their Clients Scorpion Offshore. The rig pulled away from the Lamprell Hamriyah Port facility at 09.00 hrs this morning.

Fabrication of the hull was completed in 11 months and in September 2008 the Hull was launched by multi wheeled trailers onto Lamprell’s submersible barge for float off and then returned to the quayside at Lamprell’s Hamriyah shipyard for the remainder of the outfitting , This final phase, which has been completed over the last 7 months, included the installation and outfitting of the 110 man living quarters, installation of the remaining leg sections to a height of 477 feet, skid on of the cantilever complete with sub base, drill floor and derrick, plus all remaining deck equipment, winches, cranes, lifeboats etc,

The delivery of the rig “Offshore Freedom” marks a major milestone in the Lamprell’s 27 year history, and will be followed by a second unit for the same Client, “Offshore Mischief” for delivery in first quarter 2010.

These Jack Up rigs are Le Tourneau Technologies Super 116E Design, with a water depth operating capability of 350’ with a drilling depth of 30,000’. The cantilever allows the drilling envelope to be extended to 70’ longitudinally and 15’ transversally each side of the center line.

The project has been completed on schedule, within budget and to the high technical specifications demanded by Lamprell’s Client, Scorpion Offshore.

The Offshore Freedom will now commence a four year drilling contract with Khafji Joint Operations in the neutral zone between Saudia Arabia and Kuwait.

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