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Tyne and Guinevere gas platforms now removed

During the second week of January 2020, Fred. Olsen Windcarrier's jack-up vessel Blue Tern, successfully completed the offshore works related to decommissioning of two gas platforms for Perenco UK Limited. The work was done at the Tyne and Guinevere installations in the Southern North Sea.

The offshore work commenced in December 2019 and consisted of lifting of the two topside and jacket structures onto Blue Tern deck and the associated cutting, rigging and seafastening works. The Blue Tern arrived to Hoondert disposal facility in Vlissingen, Holland on the 13 January, where the platform structures have been offloaded, and the actual disposal and recycling will take place.

The work has been done in close cooperation with Ardent, which has been responsible for planning and engineering of the cutting, lifting, seafastening and offloading works, while Fred Olsen Windcarrier has been responsible for vessel operation and overall management of the project.

"This is the first Oil & Gas decommissioning work done by Fred. Olsen Windcarrier, and represents a new market segment for us", says Henrik Mork, Head of Project Execution, Fred. Olsen Windcarrier.

The work was done under challenging weather conditions during winter time, but still within the overall time schedule for the project.

Facts about Tyne and Guinevere:

The Tyne field – located approximately 188km off the coast of Norfolk - was discovered in 1992 and production started in 1996. Production ceased in November 2015.

The Guinevere field - located approximately 60km north of the Bacton terminal and 56km east of the Theddlethorpe gas terminal - was discovered in 1988 and started production in 1993. Production ceased in May 2017.

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About Fred. Olsen Windcarrier:

Fred. Olsen Windcarrier provides innovative and tailored services for the transport, installation, and maintenance of offshore wind farms.

Building on more than 170 years of offshore and marine experience, Fred. Olsen Windcarrier was established in 2008 to service the growing offshore wind sector. The company now operates three class leading purpose-built jack-up vessels; Bold Tern, Brave Tern and Blue Tern. Recently, a long-term time charter for the O&M jack-up vessel Jill was signed, and she is now under commercial management of Fred. Olsen Windcarrier.

The Fred. Olsen Windcarrier vessels have installed almost 600 wind turbines offshore and gained extensive experience installing the latest generation offshore wind turbines on some of the world's largest wind farms. The company provides complete project management services and carries a vast engineering expertise in-house and is capable to provide complete turnkey installation solutions for offshore wind turbines with in-house personnel.

In addition, the company is a majority owner (75,5%) of Global Wind Service, providing a team of more than 900 highly experienced wind turbine technicians. Global Wind Service is one of the most experienced service providers in the wind industry, having delivered projects in more than 50 countries worldwide. Having worked on most major offshore wind farm in Europe, Global Wind Service continues to build momentum as the preferred installation and service partner for both offshore and onshore wind projects around the globe.

Fred. Olsen Windcarrier is wholly owned by Fred. Olsen Ocean Ltd. employing over 1400 people in offshore wind. Fred. Olsen Ocean is wholly owned by the Norwegian stock listed company Bonheur ASA.

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