

Multimillion-euro Contracts for Longest Interconnector Surveys



Next Geosolutions has been awarded two major survey contracts, which together represent a multimillion euro figure, for the North Sea Link (NSL) project - the first electricity link between UK and Norway. The first contract, due to commence in April, will see Next Geosolutions provide cable protection survey work for Statnett, the Norwegian transmission system operator.

The two-week workscope will involve cable inspections for the Skagerrak electricity transmission system and NorNed power cable interconnectors. The interconnectors will link the electricity transmission systems of different countries, with subsea cables utilised for the NSL, passing through Norwegian and British waters.

Route Preparation Survey

The second contract is due to commence in May for a period of three months. It will involve Next Geosolutions carrying out offshore cable route survey, unexploded ordnance (UXO) survey and route preparation techniques.

Each survey will be performed with the same mobilisation and demobilisation delivered by Next Geosolutions' brand new dynamic positioning (DP) Class 2 multi-purpose supply (MPSV) vessel, the *levoli Cobalt*. The vessel is currently fitted with a Schilling-Ultra Heavy Duty (UHD) Work-Class Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and McArtney Focus 3 Remotely Operated Towed Vehicle (ROTV).

The Focus 3 ROTV shall deliver high-resolution datasets for route design and engineering, as well as subsea asset inspections utilising its simultaneous sensor package.