

# Fugro Awarded Aker Energy Contract for Pecan field Surveys Offshore Ghana



Aker Energy has awarded Fugro a contract for geotechnical and geophysical survey services in relation to the Pecan field, offshore Ghana. The surveys will obtain critical seabed and sub-seabed information to facilitate the planning and emplacement of the Pecan subsea infrastructure and the floating, production, storage and offloading (FPSO) ship. "This project will build on the extensive experience that our vessels and staff have gained in Ghana and the wider West Africa region, and we look forward to using this knowledge to execute a safe and successful campaign," said Jaco Stemmet, Fugro's Director for Africa.

## Geophysical Survey Data

The contract includes surveys performed from two state-of-the-art vessels for a 10-week period starting in March, and subsequent laboratory testing. Geophysical survey data will be acquired using the Fugro *Searcher* and one of Fugro's fleet of deepwater AUVs, Echo Surveyor VI; the geotechnical vessel Fugro *Scout*, specifically designed for geotechnical operations in water depths of up to 3000m, will then follow to provide drilling, and seabed sampling and in situ testing.

As part of the contract, an emphasis has been placed on local involvement via Fugro's Ghanaian office. The shore base for the two ships will be Takoradi, in the west of the country; materials will be locally sourced where possible, and the Fugro team will comprise at least one trainee surveyor and one experienced surveyor from Ghana. In addition, a series of educational and capacity-building activities will be rolled out through partnerships with Ghanaian educational institutions and the Petroleum Commission of Ghana.

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