

Phase 1 Completed at Rampion Offshore Wind Farm



Fugro has completed phase one of cable laying operations on schedule at the Rampion Offshore Wind Farm, off the UK's Sussex coast, as the programme takes a break over winter. The installation of 60 cables – three more than the 57 cables originally planned – was completed at the end of October. Subsea construction vessel Fugro 'Symphony' commenced site operations in August, having transported some 75 kilometres of cable to the Rampion site on its 2,000t carousel. Sister vessel Fugro 'Saltire' completed cable burial in November using Fugro's high-performance Q1400 subsea trenching system.

Mike Daniel, business manager for construction at Fugro Subsea Services, commented that he is satisfied with the performance of the track base unit they have developed for their FCV deepwater ROVs. Fugro's new system enables subsea cable positioning work to

continue even in strong currents, as the ROV is able to run along the seabed instead of flying through the water.

Both vessels will return next spring, complete with Fugro's full cable installation equipment spread, to install the remaining 62 cables in phase two. Completion is expected by summer 2017.

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