

TSMarine Adds Five Wells

TSMarine Ltd has secured a series of new contracts to add five new wells to its North Sea multi-client well abandonment programme. In April this year TSMarine was awarded contracts by Tullow Oil and Centrica to decommission three Category 2 suspended subsea wells as part of a multi-client well abandonment programme. The new contracts, awarded by Genesis, Perenco and DNO International ASA, bring the total value of the abandonment programme to over GBP4 million.

With the programme set to commence in the third quarter of 2009, these three additional contracts bring the total number of wells for abandonment to eight, comprising five category 2 and three category 1 wells in the Southern and Central North Sea.

The campaign is designed to spread the mobilisation and transit costs associated with decommissioning activity and will see the Aberdeen-based subsea service company mobilise a multi-purpose offshore support vessel to plug and abandon the eight suspended subsea wells over a 25-day period.

Offering a range of rigless well intervention, decommissioning and construction support solutions to the global subsea oil and gas industry, the Aberdeen-based subsea services contractor will lead the project to perforate and cement the wells, then sever and recover the wellheads. TSMarine will also be responsible for the recovery and disposal of residual oil-based muds.

As the lead contractor for the programme, TSMarine will project manage the campaign, develop the work scope, including but not limited to, developing the required tooling, selecting and managing sub-contractors, planning and executing the offshore operations. In addition, the project team will carry out well reviews, Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) and emergency response planning.

This programme follows the success of a similar multi-client well abandonment programme carried out by TSMarine in 2008 for BP, Perenco and Tullow Oil.