New Accomodation Rig



08.09.2011 The jack-up accommodation rig Haven will provide the employees at Ekofisk with new cabins, a new reception facility and new office solutions – in addition to everything required to withstand extreme weather.

Haven is now in regular operation, after it was towed to the Ekofisk Complex from the yard in Eydehavn earlier this summer.

A new landing area for helicopters and a new sky lobby are the first things to greet the passengers arriving at the accommodation rig. It will be in use in parallel with the regular helicopter landing pad at Ekofisk 2/4 H.

In addition to living quarter modules, *Haven* has an office module, a common room, a fitness room and workshops.

The jack-up hull makes it possible to raise the rig to a safe height, adapting *Haven* to existing infrastructure and weather conditions.

443 Cabins

Haven is a new build with 443 single cabins and two double cabins, all with internet connection, TV and radio. It is the largest jack-up accommodation rig currently in operation in the North Sea.

New common rooms as well as a new cafeteria, recreation room and fitness room will be available to the employees as they move in. *Haven* is also equipped with 76 office work stations, most of them in a separate office module.

Haven was built by Jacktel AS, a wholly owned subsidiary of Master Marine AS, while the Kristiansand-based company OSM Offshore AS is responsible for operations. ConocoPhillips has entered into a three-year lease contract with an extension option.

Planning of details and development of the facility have taken place in cooperation with the owner, with important input from the users, contributing significantly to good solutions on board.

'Safe Haven'

The living quarters rig will supply the necessary bed capacity until the new living quarters and field center platform, Ekofisk 2/4 L, is in place.

'One of the most important features of *Haven*, in addition to providing great conditions for restitution and rest, is that it meets the authorities' requirements for safe quarters in extreme weather – a so-called 'safe haven'. This raises safety levels and we avoid having to send crew to shore when we receive extreme weather forecasts,' says Tove Nina Klemmetsrud, who has led the work on the living quarters rig over the last year. In addition, *Haven* provides the bed capacity required to maintain the high level of activity planned for the coming years, not least in connection with the development projects underway on Ekofisk and Eldfisk.

The project has met with many challenges since the contract was entered into in the autumn of 2008. 'Many outstanding colleagues from various parts of the organisation and positive cooperation with the partners and authorities have, however, contributed to us now being able to have normal operations,' Tove Nina Klemmetsrud concludes.