Dawn of the drone: A new method for delivering IRM services subsea

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Snorre Expansion Project

- Snorre field located in “Tampen” area of North Sea
- Six templates tied back to “Snorre A” TLP
- Subsea7 Pipeline Bundle solution chosen
- 980-1150ft of water depth
- Production start up in 2020

Scope of Study

- Investigate deployment options for Underwater Intervention Drone
- Gap analysis & proposed mitigations
- Implementation options
- Outline the concept of operations
The UID™ Concept of Operations
Pipeline Bundle

- Onshore fabricated
- Carrier pipe contains flowlines and umbilicals
- Controlled depth towout to site
- Towhead with valves & jumper connections
- Power and communications for “Docking Stations”
Assessment of Operational Requirements

Platform Area

• Dynamic Risers
• Mid-water structures
• Marine growth cleaning

In-field area

• General Inspection
• Light Intervention

• ROV system for platform area
• Hybrid autonomous vehicle for In-field area

* Solutions could converge in future
Vehicle and Docking station Characteristics

Vehicle
- Hybrid ROV/AUV
- Battery powered
- Advanced mission planning
- Autonomous flight & Inspections
- Real-time Intervention control

Infrastructure
- Subsea charging & comms
- Generic interface (7 locations)
- Docking station deployment options
- Intelligent power distribution
- Low maintenance
Docking Station Interface - Power and Communications

**Power**
- Parallel configuration
- Built in redundancy
- Managed system
- 1.5kW nominal - 10kW max
- 16Km transmission
- ROV serviceable components

**Communications**
- Point to Point fibre cable network
- Multiple user access protocol
- Seamless tunneling of data, secure
- Connected to onshore control centre
- High bandwidth low latency
- Inductive power and comms i/f
Conclusions

Study findings
• No technical show stoppers for UID™ service to be ready for 2020
• Some low risk technical developments required
• Hybrid Vehicle solution, Autonomous Inspection with human-in-the-loop intervention
• Docking stations can be deployed in various configurations
• Careful management of Power and Communications network is essential

Benefits validated
• Save vessel days
• Reduced operational footprint offshore
• Reduced HSE exposure
• Reduced carbon footprint

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ANY QUESTIONS?