

Gibdock mobilises world's largest windfarm jack-up



Gibdock has confirmed its role as one of the offshore industry's pre-eminent shiprepair and conversion yards through its selection for the afloat mobilisation of *Seajacks Scylla*, the largest and most advanced windfarm installation jack-up ever built.

Following delivery to Seajacks by Samsung Heavy Industries at the end of 2015, *Scylla* was discharged to Gibraltar waters from the heavylift transporter *Osprey* before being towed into Gibdock for reactivation works at the yard's South Mole.



“This is a remarkable acknowledgement of Gibdock’s emergence as a yard of choice for owners wishing to mobilise offshore assets,” said Richard Beards, Managing Director, Gibdock. “Our location at the gateway to the Mediterranean and our accreditation for offshore work are proving pivotal for owners in the high specification offshore industry. The arrival of this state-of-the-art jack-up also demonstrates that the sector’s true innovators recognise Gibdock as their first option for quality workmanship and on time completion.”

Kevin Alcock, Seajacks Vice President New Build Projects, said: “We are very pleased with the assistance given by Gibdock in the successful reactivation of *Seajacks Scylla* following delivery to Europe. Gibdock has proved to be a very competent and flexible shipyard. We look forward to working with them again in the future.”

Seajacks Scylla completed reactivation in record time (five days) and departed for Great Yarmouth (UK) in preparation for starting her first contract with on the Veja Mate offshore windfarm in March, off the coast of Germany.

Scylla has been designed to meet demands set by North West European markets, including those associated with working UK Round 3, Scottish territorial waters. The self-propelled jack-up is equipped with a 1,540T leg-encircling crane, can install components in water depths of up to 65m, and can transport monopoles and turbines of up 7-8MW capacity. She is the fifth modern, specialised offshore vessel to join the fleet of UK-based Seajacks.

Picture: *Gibdock was chosen for the mobilization of Seajacks Scylla, the largest windfarm jack-up ever built*

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