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Completion of topside skidding in decommissioning of the A2D platform, Amethyst Field, UKCS

Perenco and Petrodec, the decommissioning services specialist, are pleased to announce that the A2D platform topside has been safely removed for final dismantling. The operation was successfully conducted using Petrodec's patented "skidding" technique deployed by its dedicated jack-up the "ERDA" in the Southern North Sea. With a weight of 1,179 tons, this was the heaviest Amethyst topside to have been removed so far.

The complete scope of the A2D decommissioning project has been achieved with Petrodec, an affiliate of the Perenco Group, having been granted operator status by the UK NSTA on behalf of Perenco UK.

Today's news is another milestone on the Amethyst field and follows the Hydrocarbon Safe (HCS) Campaign on all platforms and brine flushing of intra-field and export pipelines, the plug and abandon of all platform wells, and the removal of C1D, B1D and A2D topsides with a combined total topsides weight of 2,900 tons. The final operations to remove the topsides and four steel jackets of platform A1D are scheduled from January 2024.

The Amethyst field was one of the later-life assets acquired by Perenco from BP in 2012 as part a package of SNS assets. Perenco subsequently consolidated its position to 100% on Amethyst by acquiring the participating interests of Centrica and Murphy Oil in licences P.005, P.030, P.050 and P.133. Amethyst consisted of four conventional fixed jacket wellhead structures with helipads and cranes installed and brought into production between 1989 and 1991. The platforms A1D, A2D, B1D and C1D had six or nine slots, and six or seven producing wells. The field stopped producing in 2020, following which Perenco UK started the application for decommissioning operations in collaboration with Petrodec.

Commenting, Rainier Verhulst, Petrodec's General Manager, said:

"The successful and safe skidding operation to remove the heaviest topside to date exemplifies Petrodec's technical ingenuity as a decommissioning specialist, bringing together the technical expertise of a contractor and the reliability of a decommissioning operator. It also clearly highlights Perenco's integrated approach to late-life assets, first extending the production lifespan of assets by operational efficiencies and investment, then developing innovative and fit-for-purpose solutions to safely decommission the facilities. I would like to thank all of those involved."

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About Perenco

Perenco Oil & Gas Gabon is part of the Perenco Group. Founded thirty years ago, Perenco is an independent hydrocarbon producer involved in the entire lifecycle of projects, from exploration to decommissioning. Gross production is 500,000 BOE of oil and gas per day. The group's strength lies in the technical ingenuity and versatility of its 6,800 employees, who deliver safe and environmentally aware solutions to oil and gas fields around the world. By enhancing and developing local resources, Perenco is proud to support economic growth and social development wherever it works. Perenco operates in 15 partner countries and is based in the United Kingdom.

About Petrodec

Petrodec, an affiliate of the Perenco Group, is a decommissioning specialist, headquartered in the Netherlands, using engineering, technology and innovation in support of offshore operations and decommissioning projects for the oil & gas industry.

Petrodec is set to become a key player in the provision of decommissioning services. It already has two operational units, the ERDA and HAEVA, and near-term plans to expand the fleet. Petrodec's team has decades of combined experience in high profile project management, bringing a mix of O&G operator and offshore contractor engineering and operations skill sets to its clients. The Company is focused on a strong culture of safe operations and is committed to minimising the environmental impact of its operations, in line with the legal and regulatory requirements governing decommissioning and offshore activities.