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KCA DEUTAG Unveils new 3000 HP Rig for Middle East

KCA DEUTAG, a subsidiary of Abbot Group plc, has just completed the construction of a new Rig, T-79, in Dubai for the Middle East market.

Already active in Iran and Oman, KCA DEUTAG is targeting other Middle East countries including Kuwait, the UAE and Saudi Arabia. "This powerful new rig, together with the planned refurbishment of rigs T-40 (1500HP) and T-80 (2000HP), will position KCA DEUTAG to meet growing demand for land rigs in this area," commented Claus Chur, Group Director, Land Division.

The new rig represents an investment for KCA DEUTAG of over US\$9.6m, and the main contractor was Lamprell Energy Ltd, which was responsible for the tank system, rig, rig equipment, installation and commissioning.

The sister company to KCA DEUTAG, Bentec, provided the SCR and the instrumentation. Other main contractors included National Oilwell, Wesco, Sigma, Smith, TOES, Red Sea Housing and Al Hajiry.

The entire rig up was carried out at Lamprell's Jebel Ali facility, which is a 160,000m² state of the art fabrication and construction yard capable of undertaking up to five complete rig upgrades concurrently. The works were managed by Lamprell's Oilfield Engineering Division, which specializes in high tech oil field related construction works.

The work was executed between August 2003 and May 2004. In addition to its 3000HP drawworks, T-79 has a GNC (Gross Nominal Capacity) of 1.6m lbs, and has three 1600HP mud pumps. In line with KCA DEUTAG's environmental policies, the rig has a range of high specification features including engine sound proofing, low engine emissions and zero discharge.

"We are very proud to have been associated with this project and are looking forward to continuing our excellent working relationship



with KCA DEUTAG on more land rig refurbishments in the future,” stated Lamprell’s CEO Mr. Peter Whitbread.

“KCA DEUTAG has an excellent track record in the Middle East, which is an important market for the company,” commented Chur. “We believe that there are many opportunities for future contracts in the region and the powerful new T-79 rig provides us with additional capacity to cover an even wider range of drilling activities. Currently, the land drilling division operates 38 rigs worldwide, with utilization levels at over 82% and we have a program of investment in place to further develop our rig capabilities for the future.”

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