

02 March 2016

## ALE PREPARE FOR FIRST UK PROJECT USING THE MEGA JACK 800



ALE are preparing for the award-winning Mega Jack 800's first UK project in Lowestoft, Suffolk.

The global heavylift specialists were given the scope of performing the lifting of components, multiple site moves of different sections of the jacket and topside, upending the jacket, jacking-up the jacket using the Mega Jack 800, before loading-out the jacket and topside

The jack-up operation, which will be a first of its kind in the UK, will involve jacking-up the 954t jacket to 14m high using ALE's Mega Jack 800 jacking system. The suction buckets will be positioned under each of the jacket's legs. The Mega Jack 800 will then lower the jacket and hold it in place, whilst the suction buckets can be welded to the jacket by the client.

So far, ALE has performed the site moves of different components and the jacket is being prepared ready for the roll-up, using ALE's AK912 crane, and jack-up operations using the, Mega Jack 800, in March 2016.

Vytis Zygialis, Project Engineer for ALE who will be overseeing the overall project, commented: "We are now preparing for the jacking operation using our innovative Mega Jack 800 System – a first for the UK. As we will be using all of the cassettes to jack-up the jacket to 14m, we will also be bracing the Mega Jack 800 system for the first time. We will start to mobilise the equipment in February and are currently preparing the team for the roll-up and jacking activities ready for March."

The Mega Jack 800 was launched in 2014 to bridge the gap in the capacities of the conventional 60-500t capacity climbing jack systems and ALE's original Mega Jack system,

that has a capacity of 5,200t per tower. So far, the Mega Jack 800 has been utilised in the Netherlands, Spain, Norway and Belgium.

## **ENDS**

***Issued by the ALE Press Office. For more information or images, please contact Sarah Maia on 01889 272 545 or email [s.maia@ale-heavylift.com](mailto:s.maia@ale-heavylift.com)***

**Image 1: The Mega Jack 800 on site in Norway.**

## **ABOUT ALE**

Founded in 1983 by Roger Harries, ALE delivers a highly tailored, end-to-end service covering every aspect of the handling, transportation and installation of heavy, indivisible loads, including lifting, transporting, installing, ballasting, jacking and weighing.

ALE delivers strategic heavy-lift services to a wide range of sectors, including civil, oil and gas, energy, nuclear, offshore, renewables, petrochemical, ports, marine, minerals and metals and mining.

ALE has more than 30 offices across Europe, the Far East, Africa, America, South America, the Middle East and Australia. It is fully compliant with international standards of safety and excellence, including Quality standard ISO 9001:2008, Environmental standard ISO 14001:2004, and Health and Safety Standard OHSAS 18001:2007. ALE is also registered and qualified in the Achilles Norway and Link-up systems, and is a member of both the British Safety Council and the British Standards Institution. Further information can be found on the ALE website at [www.ale-heavylift.com](http://www.ale-heavylift.com)