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ALE INVEST IN OFFSHORE MOORING CAPABILITIES TECHNOLOGY



ALE has continued its heavy investment in equipment for the ALE – Offshore Services division to support their growth in service offerings to the offshore sector.

Within the last 12 months, the specialist team have carried out three floatovers utilising the modular Rapid Ballast System in the Gulf of Mexico, two of which utilised ALE's mooring equipment, personnel, supervision and project management skills. The latest innovative floatover mooring techniques have been deployed through the use of Dyneema ropes, thus requiring equipment adaptation whilst adding extra knowledge and experience to the offshore team.

Further new equipment packages include 20t winches to complement the range of high capacity winches, roller fairleads and sheaves to complement their existing mooring fleet winches. The new equipment will support a double barge fit out for a major load-out and floatover project, which is due to be completed by mid-2016.

Another new addition includes an in-house developed tidal monitoring device which will cross check actual to predicted tide levels. The power options include solar and the data output is convertible to Excel/ALE ballast calculation software.

ALE has also purchased 24 x 380hp diesel driven hydraulic powerpack units which are more powerful, PLC controlled and with improved soundproofing. "The new powerpacks designed by ALE's Research & Development department are multi-purpose as they can be used

across different operations including ballasting, winching, strand jacking and are operated throughout by the same cross skilled personnel. These subsequently will be saving valuable set-up time, sought after barge deck space and barge accommodation. What's more, all of this is supported by improved operational hydraulic power contingency," explains Dan Kempin, ALE's Business Development Manager – Offshore Services.

"The complementarity of the equipment and personnel's skills within the ALE – Offshore Services toolbox provides our clients with the reassurance that ALE can provide the most time and space saving methods available; therefore offering great value for money within a simplified managed solution."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

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.

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