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First stage of the new SOV for the Dudgeon Wind Farm successfully completed

The Service Operation Vessel (SOV) for the offshore wind farm, the Dudgeon Wind Farm, has left the Gdansk shipyard. It will now be fitted out at Havyard in Norway.

The Nauta Shipyard in Gdansk launched the hull of ESVAGT's latest new build at the end of January. The SOV has been built for Statoil's servicing of the Dudgeon Wind Farm in the English sector of the North Sea.

The vessel's steel and painting work has been carried out in Gdansk and it will now be towed to Havyard Ship Technology in Leirvik, where the remaining fitting out and completion work will be done.

“The design of the vessel is very similar to the 'Esvagt Froude' and 'Esvagt Faraday', which were also designed by Havyard and which now work at offshore wind farms using the same concept as Statoil will use at the Dudgeon Wind Farm,” says Kristian Ole Jakobsen, Chief Operating Officer for ESVAGT.

The vessel does, however, vary slightly from the 'Esvagt Froude' and the 'Esvagt Faraday' in certain specifications. The new vessel will have a winch on its stern, extra powerful hydraulic lift/elevators, an AHC crane and the bow thrusters have increased capacity. In addition, the gangway system will be delivered by Up-Time in Norway and be placed on the starboard side of the vessel.

The vessel will be delivered to the offshore wind farm in September 2016 and is on schedule.

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