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innogy chooses ESVAGT for Triton Knoll construction

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One of the world's most advanced Service Operation Vessels will help the energy company innogy in their construction of the offshore wind farm, Triton Knoll, off the east coast of England.

innogy and ESVAGT have entered into a contract that links the specially designed Service Operation Vessel (SOV), the 'Esvagt Froude', to the construction of the offshore wind farm's 90 MHI Vestas turbines that will be built between the beginning of 2020 and the end of 2021.

'We are really looking forward to working together with innogy and to supplying safe and efficient transportation of personnel and equipment,' says Ib Hansen, Head of Commercial at ESVAGT.

'Triton Knoll will be built around 30 km off the coast and highlights the challenge of building larger turbines, further offshore and in deeper waters. This has prompted a strategic decision by innogy to place its construction management team offshore', says Julian Garnsey, Project Director for Triton Knoll at innogy:

'Traditionally, our offshore construction was coordinated from an onshore base, but as wind farms get bigger and further from shore, we needed to do more to cut down on transit times and improve our ability to respond quickly. The 'Esvagt Froude' provides a fully integrated on-site solution to offshore construction and so is far more cost-effective, helping to drive down the costs,' says Julian Garnsey.

ESVAGT leads the market for the servicing of offshore wind turbine farms. When the 'Esvagt Froude' was built in 2015, it was one of the world's first specially designed SOV vessels. The vessel has been enormously successful servicing the Baltic 2 offshore wind farm for Siemens ever since, and Søren Karas, CCO at ESVAGT, is pleased that the shipping company can also win contracts at the construction phase:

'We are delighted that we can extend our services and look forward to providing an innovative and quality focused contribution to a larger part of the value chain. We are proud that innogy has put their trust in us,' says Søren Karas.

ESVAGT will also have a major presence after the construction stage of Triton Knoll: In the autumn of 2018, MHI Vestas and ESVAGT entered into a long-term contract for the servicing of the farm, and ESVAGT is currently in the process of building an SOV for that very purpose.

About ESVAGT

ESVAGT is a dedicated provider of safety and support at sea and a market leader within offshore wind solutions.

We support the offshore Oil & Gas industries with a wide range of specialized services: Standby, Emergency Response and Rescue Vessels (ERRV), Oil spill response, Firefighting, Tanker assists, Rig moves, Supply services and Interfield transfer of cargo and personnel.

We service offshore wind farms and have a fleet of dedicated Service Operation Vessels (SOV), which ESVAGT pioneered in 2010. The SOVs provide accommodation for technicians, spare time facilities, offices and conference room, storage for small turbine parts, workshops, etc. The SOV offers flexible personnel and equipment transfer capabilities by either Walk-to-Work gangway system or Safe Transfer Boats.

ESVAGT was founded in 1981 and has a fleet of more than 40 vessels and approximately 900 employees on- and offshore.

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