



## **The CLOV Hybrid Riser Towers**

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#### **CLOV Field Architecture**



### HRT: A Key Area of Focus for the CLOV Project

- The most complex piece of equipment of the whole field development.
- Only 5 units in operations around the globe on 3 different fields, 4 of these previously designed and installed by Subsea 7.
- HRT delivery directly on the critical path to first oil.



#### **CLOV HRT General Arrangement**





## Key Design Highlights

Innovative guide frames design using polyurethane instead of steel.









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Hybrid design for buoyancy tank with buoyancy from both foam blocks and steel compartments:

- Safer installation methodology: BT is deployed with steel compartments flooded and valves open.
- Simplified deballasting sequence for BT steel compartments.





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Pipe-in-pipe design for production risers with gas lift through the annulus.









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#### Key Fabrication Highlights

Both HRT were fully fabricated on Sonamet yard in Lobito (Angola).



2 off buoyancy tanks, 330 tons each







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Bundle assembly process:

- For each riser type & core pipe, SJ are used to produce 220mlong strings.
- 220m-long bundle sections are successively assembled on a launchway on the HRT assembly area.





#### Key Fabrication Highlights

Final HRT assembly:

- URTA placed on the launched way and tied in to the first bundle section.
- Subsequent bundle sections are assembled and tied in to the URTA / previous bundle section.
- LRTA is finally placed on the launchway and tied in to the last bundle section.
- Storage in Lobito bay.





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## Key Installation Highlights

# Up to 6 vessels involved in the HRT installation campaign.







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HRT tow in 2 phases:

- Surface tow from departure from Lobito bay.



 Sub-surface tow to shelter the HRT from the wave dynamic motions as soon as water depth allows.





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HRT upending in 2 phases:

- Perform upending phase 1.
- Shift, connect & transfer HRT to foundation.
- Complete upending phase 2.
- Connect HRT to pulling slings, pull down and dock the HRT to the foundation.

Similar process for BT upending and docking.







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#### Remaining activities:

- Flooding, cleaning, gauging and hydrotest.
- Thermal performance test.
- Commissioning of the RMS.





#### Conclusion

The HRTs were a key contributor to the success of the CLOV project story.

- Fit tight project schedule:
  - First HRT delivered 3 years after project award.
  - Second HRT delivered 4 months later.
  - In line with first oil schedule.
- Thermal performances better than requested.
- Strong contribution to the local content requirements.



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